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KICK.

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If you find things all unlevel,
Made so by a clique.
If you wish to beat the devil,
Raise your foot and kick.

You can straighten things by kicking,
Level every brick,
If the devil needs a licking,
Raise your foot and kick.

Don't you fear a great sensation,
Harry, Tom, nor Dick,
If you want to help the nation,
Raise your foot and kick.

Yes, some folks will try to miff you;
Hit you with a stick,
But you need not fear them, if you
Raise your foot and kick.

Christ our Savior was a kicker,
Kicking oft and quick,
If with wrong you would not dicker,
Raise your foot and kick.

You must kick with all your vigor,
Give a deadly lick,
Be in earnest, act with vigor;
Raise your foot and kick.

If a lot of politicians,
Who are sharp and slick,
Cut and dry their coalitions,
Raise your foot and kick.

Fill your soul with grand ambition.
Show up every trick.
If you feel this is your mission,
Raise your foot and kick.

Local Happenings.

Muncie, Ind., Special.

The A. M. E. church Aid society was entertained Wednesdry April 7, by Mrs. C. S. Timbers, of North Hackley street, Mrs. Timbers will leave soon for Cleveland, O., where she expects to reside. She will be greatly missed. While in our city she acted as superintendent of the Sabbath school, and at present is president of the Junior Christian Endeavor. Jefferson Cummuns is sick at his home on Sevmour street. Mrs. R. Nathan will visit friends at Ft. Wayne, Ind., soon. Mrs. Ida Winslow is sick at her home 1001 E. Jackson street. John Hunt, of Milton, was in the city on Monday March 28, on business. Four clubs have been organized by Rev. White, of the A. M. E. church, which will work to liquidate the mortgage debt on church which is $1,000. There will be a concert given by the young ladies of the A. M. E. church, soon, to raise money for payment on organ. Rev. Green of the Second Baptist church was at Anderson a few days last week on professional business. Mrs. Julia Robbins, of East Charles street will leave about the middle of April with her two little sons, Emery and Marey, for a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clore, in Rising Sun, Ind. John Winslow has moved his family from North Jefferson street to East Second street. Alvin Shoecraft who has been driving the U. S. Mail wagon from Muncie to Jonesborough, has sold out and returned to barbering. Herman Frazier left last week for Dayton on business Harvey Phillips left March 27, for Lima, Dayton and Cedarville, O., on a visit. The G. U. O. of O. F. lodge have secured the services of the Muncie Eagle Band to play at their demonstration the First Sunday in May. Dr. U. S. Beaver left Sunday for Lima, O., to seek a location. Samuel Adams was in the city visiting his mother Mrs. Adams of South Madison street, over Sunday, he left Tuesday for Montpelier. Elisha Scott, of Richmond, visited Muncie last week.

Closing School Exercises.

Macon, Miss., Special.

The citizens of our little city are largely attending the closing exercises of the surrounding schools, regardless of the inclement weather in order to get an introduction. and to use their street language, "to get permiliar with the baskets out in the sticks." Come again boys and bring your girls, for it will be another twelve months before you recognize the good of the sticks. Everything else about the city is quiet and blooming under the April showers, except the well marked impression of anxiety that lurks around the brow of the contestants for local postmastership. The first Quarterly conference of the Aberdeen district, Upper Mississippi conference, convened at Bethel M.E. church, Macon circuit, April 3, Rev. H. R. Revels presiding. Several of the local exhorters were harnessed up for conducting quarterly meetings on the plantations, and thereby losing their much needed influential and magnetic talents to attract the people to the church. Hence they were told that their license would be discontinued. There could be heard in every nook, "Lord, is it I?" They rallied and raised for Elder's fee, $15.75. Rock Hill gets the next quarterly conference. The farmers are progressing rapidly in the work of planting. Our little river has several times been near the high water mark.

Interesting News Notes.

Louisville, Ky., Special.

Rev. C. C. Bales was called to Anchorage last week to preach the funeral of an aged citizen. The commencement of the Louisville Medical school was in every particular a success. M. J. C. Ellis, the valedictorian is quite a promising young man. The Temple of Fame concert at Music Hall was phenomenal, unique and superb. Never in the history of Louisville, have the citizens and concert-goers been given such a treat of rare realistic, illustrative literary treat. The promoters merit quite a deal of commendation. The Living Vine system is working admirably at the churches; all report quite a financial increase over all previous months. The pastors all wish the good work to continue. Mrs. W. J. Slikman is quite sick. Information comes that Miss Madison, of Lexington, an estimable and worthy young woman, wedded last Thursday. Mrs. M. A. Williams, of Clarksville, Tenn., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Albert S. White last week. She left Thursday for Covington, where she will spend a few days with her mother, and will then join her husband Dr. M. A. Williams, at Indianapolis, Ind., their future home. Mrs. Mary A. Johnson, of Covington, was in the city last week, at the bedside of her son, Judge Lair, who has been very sick. She left Monday having been assured that he is convalescent. Sunday April 11, Rev. Lewis under the management of the "Tribe of Judah" will preach a special sermon at the Twelfth-street church. The public is cordially invited to hear this eloquent and gifted divine. The Mendehlson singing club will give an interesting and unique entertainment at the Twelfth-street M. E. Zion church, Monday night April 12. On Tuesday night, this club will be followed with a grand concert under the management of Prof. Bauchman. Rev. Jordan, secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, delivered one of his potent and persuasive addresses Sunday night at Calvary. One of the evidences of a true christian spirit is the pastor of the leading churches recognize and encourage the smaller churches by advice and prescence.

Two Hearts that Beat as One.

Keokuk, Ia., Special.

Rev. T. L. Smith is in the city visiting his family, his wife being ill with la grippe. Shelton Childers, an old and well known citizen, died the 30th ult. His death was due to consumption. John White was pronounced insane by the county commissioners. Sam Johnson is on the sick list. James Broadus, of this city, and Miss Lizzie Marshall, of Kahoka, Mo., were united in marriage at the latter place on March 25th. Abraham Yeizer is able to be out again. Tea was served at Mr. and Mrs. Orange Fields March 30th, from 3 to 5 p. m. It was largely attended and those present enjoyed themselves to a high extent. Miss Lizzie South is able to be out again. Tea was served on Thursday, April 8th, by Mr. and Mrs. Buckner, from 3 to 6 p. m. Miss Jennie Johnson is recovering slowly. The April Fool entertainment that was to come off the 1st, was postponed until the 5th. The funeral of Charles Dixon took place from his late residence on Blondean street, at 2 o'clock April 3d, Rev. T. L. Smith officiating. Rev. S. S. Orange is doing good work at the First African Baptist church. Mrs. L. Clemins is on the sick list. Miss Sidney J. Davis has been asked to write an article for the Easter number of the Sunday Standard. Rev. Charles Hardy, a student of Macon City College, gave a panorama exhibition at the First African Baptist church Tuesday night, which was highly enjoyed by a fair sized audience.

HON. RICHARD T. GREENER,
Of New York, who will be well taken care of by the present administration.

A Tribute to R. W. Thompson.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

That Washington City was the only place on the map during the past inaugural festivities, has been amply verified by the able and versatile correspondent, Mr. R. W. Thompson, whose articles seem to show how deep his pen point can penetrate the honey comb of thought and still be laid down dripping with the honey dew. Several times the genial writer has been applauded for his aptitude and descriptiveness, and we do not hesitate in saying a bright future awaits him in the realm from whence he draws out so much solace for those who read his articles. But for his timely article in The Freeman of the 13th ult., the world would not have known that there were any Negroes at the inaugnration. It is now and always has been so, the Negro must report his own doings. The white news gatherer never extenuates nor lengthens out any social status of the Negro. Herein is an important lesson. The entire race owes Mr. Thompson a debt of gratitude. He saved us by catching hold of the mast pole, and kept our part of "old glory" (the stripes) from trailing in the dust. I honor Mr. Thompson and congratulate The Freeman.

M. A. MAJORS, M. D.

Decatur, Ill.

IMPORTANT APPOINTMENTS

OF COLORED REPUBLICANS—THE FEELING AMONG OUR PEOPLE.

That Civil Service Fraud—Miserable Work of Benedict—Four Fine Plums Will Soon Fall in the Negro's Basket—Personal Mention.

Washington, D. C., Special.

There is a general uprising among the Republicans relative to the Civil Service law, and from what we have learned it will be so amended that Republicans will be enabled to secure over a hundred thousand offices on the jnmp in all branches of the government. The demand is so great upon the Senators and members in Congress and the heads of the departments that the leaders of the party have come to the conclusion that it will be absolutely impossible to carry the congressional elections in 1898. Several members of Congress have said that they would not think of being a candidate for re-election unless the Civil Service law was amended or repealed, and it is believed by most of the Republicans that the final outcome of the fight against this great fraud and farce that it will be wiped entirely from the statue books. The Republicans are very restless at this time, and many have declared that it must go or they will not move a peg to assist the party. In a recent investigation it was proven that a man who applied for a position as printer in the Government Printing office had to hop on foot twelve paces. This was under Benedict, the most obnoxious and narrow contracted man that ever had charge of that office. President McKinley must have been fully informed as to the miserable methods of Benedict, as he kicked him out before he was President a month. Benedict kept a corp of spies while he had control of the Government Printing office, and these sneaks would spot a Republican, and then he would be discharged. It is a great relief to get rid of this insignificant swell head. Beyond a shadow of a doubt, unless this Civil Service fraud is removed, we might as well say good bye to all hopes of electing any one. The people hate and despise it. The colored people are completely discouraged and as mad as a hornet when its nest has been disturbed, and several consultations have been held by some very prominent business and professional men, who do not want any office relative to the thorough organization of the colored voters, and it is believed that unless something is done with the Civil Service before next spring, one of the greatest gatherings of brainy colored men in the history of American politics will assemble in national convention and strike a blow at this accursed fraud that will crush it out of existence. One of the gentlemen stated that if such a convention was called it would surely be the death of Civil Service in this county, as he would certainly offer a resolution that the colored voters be asked not to support any man for any elective office in any county district or state, unless he pledge to do all in his power to repeal this law and vote against it if elected, and that each county district and state have a committee of colored men who would secure the name and address of every voter in order that a thorough organization might be had and information given to each one. There is a great storm in the distance, and the only way to weather it is to double-reef the sails of the ship of state, and stand firm and throw oil on the troubled waters. It takes oil to run any machine, and the great Republican political machine will get as cranky as any other unless it is oiled. The people are the machine and they want to be oiled. The Republican machine has worked hard during the past year and are expecting to be oiled for future use.

It is rumored that four important appointments will be made within the next six weeks among colored Republicans. Among those who will be taken care of it is stated are J. C. Dancy of North Carolina, W. M. Holland, B. K. Bruce and W. A. Pledger. Prof. R. T. Greener, it is rumored, will be taken care of, also Mr. Arnett of Ohio, and about eight or ten more before Congress adjourns. It is also rumored that Gen'l White of Chicago will be the Republican Commissioner and H. L. West of the Washington Post, the Democratic member of the Board. Dr. R. F. Boyd will succeed Dr. D. H. Williams as Surgeon-in-Chief of Freedmen's Hospital July 1. The many friends of ex-Senator Bruce will be glad to see him honored as he has always filled every position he has held with honor and credit to his race. Mr. Bruce is a gentleman of the highest type and true as steel to his friends. We record with pleasure the fact that he has helped a number of young men who he thought were deserving, and we feel sure he will reflect credit upon his race and the administration. Mr. Bruce is an applicant for the Registership of the Treasury, but will probably get a more important position. The feeling among our people at present is. they would like more minor positions than have been given to the younger element and our women. At present there is a very small number of colored women employed in the departments. The feeling seems to be that each state and the district should have a certain number of colored appointments in the departments out of the 3,700 employes in the Government Printing office, including nearly 1,100 women. Only about thirty-six colored women are employed in the other departments; the colored women number only about one per cent out of every 300.

Prof. Greggory of New Jersey will probably go abroad. H. H. Hart wants to go to Cairo, Egypt, as Consul General. The departments are getting down to work quite rapidly. Dr. R. F. Boyd of Tennessee will arrive in this city April 18. Dr. C. B. Purvis is looking blue over his disappointment to secure the Freedmen's Hospital again. It is thought he hurt his chances by having gangs of small politicians to indorse him. It is injurious to all candidates who have men to indorse them who have no standing or who do not represent anything. One of the delegations which was in favor of the appointment of a commissioner, was headed by a man who has only recently served time in the penitentiary. It seems that every small fish in Washington is a candidate or has has a candidate in order to impress the people at large that they are big men by getting their names mentioned as being a candidate for some big office. One man residing here is a candidate for minister to Bolivia who runs an eating house (5c lunch counter) and could not fill the position if he got it. W. C. Chase will possibly get a position under the District Government. It is rumored that Editor Kohlsaat will not support Dr. Williams personally. Hon. John R. Lynch of Mississippi will be taken care of before many months. He wants his old place again. Col. James Hill of Mississippi will receive an early appointment in his state. The President does not like speechmaking delegations. It is better to send your papers by mail or file them with the secretary. The character and fitness of each candidate is thoroughly sifted before action is taken. It is also said that a large batch of appointments will be made after the President returns from his vacation. Col. H. Clay Evans of Tennessee has assumed charge of the Pension office. He is the representative of the Southern Republicans. Chas. R. Douglass, son of Hon. Frederick Douglass (deceased) is a candidate for Second Deputy Commissioner of Pensions. A. B. Coleman, Hon. Mark Hanna's friend, will possibly be one of the Deputy Commissioners.

C. C. STEWART, 2010 E St., N. W.

Great Work in the Church.

Meridian, Miss., Special.

Drs. G. W. Clarke and James Garrett left on the 4th for Jackson, Miss., to attend the State Medical Association which will last about three days. Mr. Ed. Mason, a reader of The Freeman, has been suffering with rheumatism. Revival is in progress at Haven Chapel which is largely attended. Rev. J. C. Hibbler of the St. Paul M. E. church is assisting the pastor. Mr. Jerry Knowl who has been sick for some time has recovered. Dr. J. M. May left for New York on the 12th to take a two months course in the medical college. The Christian Endeavor Society was led on the 4th by Clara Hobson and W. W. Hadnatt called the roll. It was consecration meeting and Rev. C. L. Harris addressed the society. The story read by Mr. H. I. Miller was very interesting. We learn that L. S. Nelson is in the mail service again. Mrs. Martha Bell and Mr. S. Green are quite sick. The young men are going to organize a league soon. An excursion left Sunday the 4th for New Orleans, La., with a car very poorly patronized. Rev. Hibbler filled the pulpit at the St Paul M. E. church Sunday the 4th. Rev. L. W. Watson who visited Jackson, Vicksburg and Yazoo City, returned to the city. The Zion M. E. church with Rev. W. E. Stanton pastor, is doing a grand work. The Young People's Union gave a grand entertainment in the basement of the New Hope Baptist church on Thursday night the 9th for the benefit of the church. Rev. W. M. Thomas, pastor at Hickory and Forest, Miss., visited Meridian recently. The waiters of the Southern hotel will give a cake walk at the city hall on the 15th and thirty couple will participate. W. M. Jefferson and John Ward has control of the affair. The M. E. church, one mile west of Meridian will have rally day at their church Sunday the 11th. Rev. J. C. Hibbler will preach at 11 o'clock, Rev. J. L. Wilson at 3 p. m. and Rev. A. M. Tratter, Presiding Elder of the Meridian District will preach at 7:30. The students will attend in a body.

A Natural Genius.

Shelbyville, Tenn., Special.

Elder H. E. Harris baptized nine persons in the back waters near the church last Sunday. They were: Minos Connon Jr., Stanley Davis, Sammie Davis, Geo., Owens, Jimmie Cannon, Ervin M. Christian, Enoch Neal, Ernest Davis and Lewis Little. Johnnie Cartwright is quite sick with malarial fever. The M. E. church choir will render some excellent music on Easter. Their choir claims to be the best in town. Mr. M. Brazier is a natural genius. He can repair the most complicated machinery. The whites are frequently forced to call on him because of his ability to do work they cannot do. Mr. Geo. Evans was buried with Masonic honors last Tuesday. Ed. Evans is able to be out again, to the delight of his many friends. Rev. J. W. Richmond will begin a revival next Sunday. Mr. T. R. Brame has proved himself an efficient drill master in drilling the ladies. Hurley Campbell and Alex Dean are two promising young men attending Turner Institute. Miss Lucinda Wilson is making thorough preparations for the coming examination. We note with pleasuse that Mrs. M. C. Kenney is a valued contributor to the National Baptist Teacher. She was reared in Shelbyville.

Social Happenings.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Special.

Mrs. J. A. Clay and Mrs. Aletha Hedgebeth are on the sick list. Rev. I. C. Johnson has returned to his home in Benton Harbor. Mrs. George Stafford and daughter Vivian, are visiting relatives in Almenia. Mrs. C. L. Stewart entertained Mrs. J. M. Haithcox and son Earnest, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Stewart at tea Monday evening. Mrs. William Jackson gave a tea in honor of Mrs. Haithcox Wednesday evening. Mrs. Berry Ash entertained Saturday evening in honor of Mrs. Haithcox. Mrs. F. Martin, of Dowagiac, lectured to a large and attentive audience Tuesday evening at the Second Baptist church. Mrs. George Letts entertained a few friends at 6 o'clock dinner Wednesday evening. Those present were Mrs. Minnie Christman, Mrs. Lillie Cousins, Rev. J. C. Jackson, of Benton Harbor; Mrs. Effie Vaughn and Thomas Hammond. Mrs. Mary Morgan was called to Benton Harbor Friday by the death of her brother. Mr. Mason. Miss Allie Hill, of Niles, who has been visiting her cousins, Misses Mabel and Edith Hill, left for her home Saturday evening. Mrs. J. M. Haithcox, after a pleasant visit with her sister, Mrs. Amos Stewart, will return home Tuesday in South Bend, Ind.

Social Affairs—Personal Mention.

Kokomo, Ind., Special.

Mr. Ezra Roberts of Butler University, spent the spring vacation in the city the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Roberts, 109 E. Mulberry street, Sunday evening. Mr. Roberts sang a beautiful solo at the Wayman A. M. E. Chapel. The Tennessee Sable Singers under direction of Prof. Coleman gave a very creditable entertainment at the Christian church. They were assisted at the piano by Samuel Ratliffe. Miss Margaret Rober was on this weeks list. Mr. George and Katie Newsome Price has moved to the country. Charley Tanner our swift bicyclist contemplates going to Indianapolis. The pulpit of Wayman Chapel was filled Sunday before last Revs. Hatfield and C. Harvey and R. S. Reed of the Northern Indiana M. E. Conference. The red, white and blue gave an entertainment last week, clearing a large sum, which is to be applied on the church debt. The entertainment consisted of songs fifty years ago and a ghost drill. The ghost drill was a decided hit. Through the ingenuity of our young men, the young ladies were badly fooled on the evening of April 1st, at the home of Ira Roberts. The young men as hosts served as refreshments water, toothpicks and sacks filled with wind. However, later in the evening real refreshments were produced Those constituting the merry party were the Misses Nora and Emma Roberts, Dora James, Cordelia Perkins, Bessie Winburn, Arabelle Roberts, Mattie Burnett, Mrs. Lizzie Winburn, Messrs. W. Langford, Albert Ford, Samuel Ratliffe, Otis James, Chas. Walden, Wm. Faust and Dora Winburn. The trouble between Horace Lewis and Lugen Lee over a shooting scrape has been settled, Lewis being given 90 days in jail, a fine of $25 and a disfranchisement of one year. Miss Dora B. James of St. Bend is in the city the guest of relatives. Mrs. Clara Roberts, Mr. Walden and little daughter of Arcadia, Ind., paid our city a visit. Mr. David Milton is hustling the boys for another big concert. The ladies missionary society met Monday night. They conducted a novel "clothes pin" social. An excellent paper was read by Joe Gaskin, also Miss Blanche Artis. Miss Nora Roberts sang a solo. Rev. L. W. Ratliffe delivered an excellent sermon Sunday on "Perfect law of liberty and a living dog is better than a dead lion." Miss Lyda Griffin pleasantly entertained a number of friends on the evening of April 2nd, at her home, corner Lafountain and Jefferson streets, in honor of her birthday. All present report having a good time.

REV. CÆSAR A. A. TAYLOR, D. D.,
Of Ocala, Fla., who is a candidate for a South African Consulship.

Prosperous Colored Citizens.

Vidalia, La., Special.

The past year has been one of unexampled progress in this community, from the fact that the majority, who are mostly cotton planters, made good crops, saved our money and either invested in homes or are saving with that object in view. What the coming year may bring forth, no one can tell, as the "father of waters" from the present outlook may inundate a large portion of this lovely state of Louisiana. But we have so many blessings that we must occasionally expect a reverse. By blessings, I mean churches, school houses, fruitfulness of soil and a Republican administration, for the last of which blessing let us all thank God. Would that the same beneficient party had full sway in this state, then the one thing needful to make our measure of happiness full, "recognition of our votes as cast," will be realized. The white people in this section, with one exception, are Democrats, the colored population, almost to a man, Republicans. There may be others among the whites here who are Republicans, but I know of only one who dared express and vote his convictions.

DO SAY.

BY ROBERT CLANTON, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Do say you are the greatest
Negro journal in the world;
Have cheered sad hearts with latest
News, with banners half unfurled.

Do say the Age and Plannet
Have always tak'n a hand
With you to bravely span it,
O'er all our native land.

Do say you have some writers,
Who are noted for their tact;
Some princes of "pen smiters,"
Whose reins are seldom slacked.

Do speak of "B. Square's Blusters,"
In your columns now and then;
They're brighter than the clusters
Of diamonds worn by men.

Do say that uncle Noah,
Who is full of facts and fun;
Has yet bright thoughts in sto're,
Which your readers dare not shun.

Do say you carry pleasure,
Through the state you chance to roam,
And greeted as a treasure
At every welcome home.

Do say our love will merit,
By continuance of same,
And labor like a ferret,
To find the hidden game.

Do say we'll ever greet you,
As a candid, faithful friend—
Up there we hope to meet you,
When the Lord for us doth send.

Death of a Respected Citizen.

Houston, Tex., Special.

Tom Wilson, father of J. R. Wilson, died March 28. He was a member of the Antioch Baptist church. In the death of Mr. Wilson the church has lost a true christian, Houston has lost a citizen, his wife a true husband, and the children a devoted father. He spoke ill of no one, and had a kind word for all he met. He was about 45 years old. I will be compelled to leave the city soon upon a matter of business, but The Freeman can be had from the following sub-agents: J. W. Council, Fannin street; Hon. R. Gleed, 919 San Felipe street, branch office; Geo. Gramathan, 1019 San Felipe street; Miss Rosa A. Watson, Fuller street and Pinny Point Community, J. S. Dennio, Andrews street, and Robert Edwards, Buckner street. E. C. Branch, general agent and manager, branch office, 919 San Felipe street. Also call at Geo. Gramtham's ice cream parlor for The Freeman; single copy 5 cents.

Mr. Jessie Hood of this city has gone to St. Louis, Mo. Mr. Robert Edwards shipped a fine horse to his daughter, Mrs. Earnest at San Antonia. Rev. G. A. Thompson of Lake Providence, La., a Baptist preacher is now in Texas. Counties wanting teachers and teachers wanting schools will do well to advertise through The Freeman, only 25cents an "ad." Address E. C. Branch, 919 San Felipe street, general manager and correspondent.

Tuscumbia News Notes.

Tuscumbia, Ala., Special.

I. James is convalescent. Rev. Edmondson and Rev. Johnson, of Florence, Ala., passed through the city on the 2d on their way to Normal to attend the Industrial congress. Rev. Sensobough, Prof. Trenholm and I. Summers attended the Industrial congress on the 3d at Normal, Ala. Prof. B. J. Sterling, of Sheffield, was in the city on the 4th. The city churches are moving on splendidly. Miss O. N. Ross spent Sunday at home. Her school closed on the 9th at Leighton, Ala. Prof. G. W. Trenholm, principal colored city school, will deliver the annual address May 18th, before the Florence city school. Tuscumbia colored city school is moving along successfully. School will close the week ending Friday, May 21st.

Edinburg News Notes.

Edinburg, Ind., Special.

The services of the First Baptist church were largely artended. Baptizing at 12:30 p. m. and communion at 3 p. m. The services were conducted by R. D. Leonard, collection $11.22. Mrs. K. Larue of Indianapolis, spent the week with parents and friends. Mrs. Mary Edwards is very sick at her daughter's, Mrs. Henry Edwards. Miss Mary Ousley of Indianapolis, is the guest of Miss Mattie Sims.

Ministers and Deacons' Union.

New Albany, Ind., Special.

The Ministers and Deacons' Union of Southern Indiana, met in the Second Baptist church Monday morning, the 5th inst., at 10 o'clock a. m. Rev. E. Howard was chosen moderator. Scripture reading, singing and prayer by Rev. R. Ross. Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved. The reports of the various Sunday schools and churches were made. Brethren present: Revs. J. F. Firis, Cox, Howard, Ross, Toms, Deacons Gaines, Woods, Cannon and a number of visitors. Rev. W. H. E. B. Taylor, of Illinois, a visitor, delivered an interesting sermon to the Union. The next meeting will be held Monday at Howard Chapel, Rev. Toms to preach the sermon.

Personal Mention—News Notes.

Logansport, Ind., Special.

Sunday was missionary day at the A. M. E. church. Mrs. G. C. King read a paper on mission; Mrs. Dr. Ford read a paper on "Doing Good;" E. Winslow read a paper on "Our children and what are we doing for them." Song services at the A. M. E. church Sunday night. Paper by Mrs. George. Harris and Jones have moved their barber shop from 222 Market street to 313 Market.

THE SLUMS OF NEW YORK.

THE NEED OF AN INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTION FOR COLORED GIRLS.

Work Among the Lowly by the Evangel of the White Rose Mission—Visits to Pleasure Gardens Lead to Immorality.

The young Afro-American girl working in service—particularly the one whose employer does not permit her friends to visit her, has a very unpleasant time trying to be at home to her friends; and often loses her way and becomes sin stained and conscience hardened. Should she have parents, it is not so bad; unless they are very slovenly in personal attire, and the general arrangements of the house. A girl working in service where she must be neat, and where everything is sweet and clean, would rather walk up and down the quiet avenues in the residence portion of the city than take her company to her folks, if they are careless about the house.

When tired and under the influence of a strong, unwholesome will, it is the most natural thing in the world to be guided from dark tramping about into cosy pleasure gardens. At first the girl is content to sit and talk while her escort will smoke and indulge in beer. A few visits to a pleasure garden accustoms her to beer; soon she tastes it and finds it not bad; by and by she leaves her place and leads an immoral life. This is one of the most difficult phases of city life. It is a sad commentary upon the missionary efforts put forth in this great city. For among all the institutions where weak morals are strengthened, despondent girls cheered and trained to help themselves, there is not one in this city that aims to develop the Afro-American woman or girl. If there were, here and there, pleasant places beyond the control of vice, where the Afro-American girl might spend her evening and not in the pleasure garden, so much good could and would be done, and so much sorrow and sin averted. The need of an industrial institution and christian home combined for Afro-American girls is very great. Such a place with pleasant meeting rooms where she could hear lectures, music, and attend classes where she could study various practical branches, such as cooking, dress making, mending, millinery, laundry work and common-sense house-wifery one evening or afternoon in the week, and sacred Sunday concerts, would work a revolution in her life and lead the way to better and purer homes.

Just as other people are gathered into homes and missions to be prepared for contact with the forces that make for the higher development and the more humane consideration of the ignorant but industrious poor, so should the Afro-American woman and girl be schooled in such a way as to put her on a par with others of corresponding social status. Surely in this great city, there must be some one to remember that we are Americans of at least two hundred years, and have, or ought to have some claim upon our philanthropic fellow countrymen. We are in the same position that the emigrants are who crowd this city with one exception we have not yet learned to depend upon or expect anything from city charity. I do not favor separate institutions on general principles, except, in the foundation work of teaching any class the wisdom of thinking on identical lines of progressive activity and the value of unity. For instance, the Jews are gathered into an industrial home where they are free to speak, to think and to act out their own individuality, and racial family pride aroused in favor of excellence in any desired line. They also visit similar institutions among other peoples and natural respect for well directed effort is inspired regardless of race, and real benefit is bestowed upon the gradual evolution of the sociological problems of New York City. Each institution is designed to develope the best individuality of its respective following, and to make special efforts towards the elimination of the habits that stand as hindrances to the formation of the acceptable type. Such avenues are painfully needed for the Afro-American. It goes beyond saying that the masses resident in this city need as much development as any others who come here in a similar condition of purse and social standing. We need an industrial and domestic training, school for Afro-American women and girls. We have none suited to their peculiar needs, but it may be because we have never felt the need so great as now, rather we may have felt it but we have not really asked for it in so many words. I do so now with a deep seated conviction that it will come. Our need is so great, and the fact that I am pleading not for a luxury, but an influence that will strengthen the weak, and lead the timid to higher living, is my assurance for asking, and believing that it shall be given.—Victoria Earle Matthews in The New York Presbyterian Herald.

Extemporaneous Preaching.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.

Dr. J. M. Buckley drew large audiences for his lecture on "Extemporaneous Preaching" at Gammon Theological Seminary. Quite a number of ministers came from distant towns, and ministers of all denominations in this city, including two Bishops, were present. The lectures were regarded as unique presentations of the theory and art of extemporaneous address The Constitution says:

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To the consciousness of the speaker, his mental state is that of a person uttering his sentiments in animated conversation, there being no effort to recollect, no conscious anticipation of what is to come, but complete absorption in the process of evolving in correct forms of speech and most suitable inflections and gestures, what is intended to be impressed upon the hearers. He claimed that the preacher had the advantage over the reader from manuscript in ease and power of vocalization, naturalness, force and rarity of delivery and also grace. Also the power of the countenance, and especially the eye, can be brought into exercises more effectually. Thus only is complete sympathy with the audience obtained. The reader, also, cannot adapt himself to unforseen emergencies. The memorizing speaker can take no advantage of the situation, and the tax on mind and body is great, diminishing spontaneity and making the preacher liable to great failures.

The mixed manuscript and extemporaneous, as used by some speakers, has great advantages over the manuscript alone; yet it is dangerous if the speaker is a very good extempore speaker, and more so if he is not. When the extemporaneous and memory method are blended there are some advantages but the process is very difficult. But has not the extemporary process defects and difficulties? Certainly but they are not in the method so much as in the man and can be remedied in most cases. But is he not of all most liable to fail? Not nearly so liable, if he be master of the art, as the memorizer. The best extemporizers, who never neglect special preparation, are among the most reliable. Such is the case with the greatest lawyers, who seldom fail.

The pure extemporizer will never be exactly the same and cannot possibly repeat himself. He has one central advantage. He is ready to explain, illustrate or defend his opinions at all times, to speak in the shop or parlor as readily as in the pulpit, and all his practice there fits him better for his duties in public.

Colored Applicants Hopeful.

Lafayette, Ind., Special.

Never in the history of Lafayette has a colored man held a government or or public position. Several tried, were promised, but when the time came were refused. We hope for better success this time. Mrs. W. Weir is on the sick list. Miss Emma Smith who has been ill, is able to be out again. Mrs. D. Mitchell, of Frankfort, is spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. Edwards. The members of the A. M. E Sunday school elected new officers last Tuesday night. The Sunday school of the Second Baptist church is getting stronger each Sunday, and the lesson more interesting.

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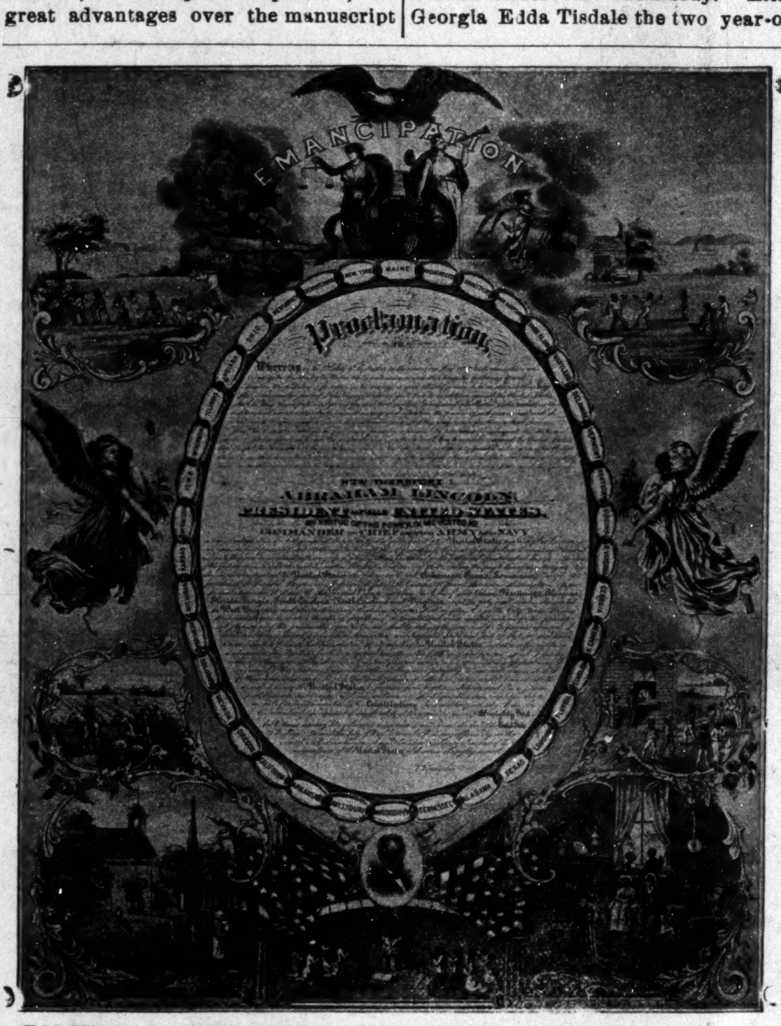

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BY CHARLES CARROLL, VALLEY MILLS, TEX.

If misfortune decree your path,
'Tis fate weaves your snare;
But write these words, your epitaph,
You'll just, "do and dare!"

While halted twixt opinion's plight,
O, beware! beware!
Ever reflect, O mind through right,
'Fore you, "do and dare!"

When nature's sun shine lights thy heart,
And reveals gems rare;
Forbid its sacred beauty part,
And e'er "do and dare."

Sweet nature still lavishes gifts,
On wise, rich, poor, bare;
Then be not like the dreamy myths,
Never "do and dare!"

Move on and up, have faith and trust—
In the divine care;
When evil hands your soul doth thrust!
Forsooth, then "do! dare!"

Church Troubles.

Louisville, Ky., Special.

The sporting promoters of this city are trying to arrange a limited contest between Steve Cosby and Marcus Thomas. It is generally believed that Thomas will be easy game for Cosby. The contest will take place some time early in April. Albert White left for Frankfort Monday. Quite a disturbance was raised at Ninth street Baptist church last Sunday morning and several arrests were made. Mrs. Ellen Todd an aged lady died at her home last Friday. Funeral was preached at an early hour Sunday morning at Calvary church. Old Mother Dean is very sick at her home rear 1033 Fourth street. Mrs. Minnie Jackson very handsomely entertained many of her friends at the residence of Mrs. Carrie Kelly, 1500 Second street last Thursday. Little Georgia Edda Tisdale the two year-old daughter of Mrs. Mary Tisdale drank a quanity of coal oil last week while her mother was out, as a result the little one is very sick. The earnest workers of Twelth street M. E. church have devided themselves up in tribes, each vieing with the other. The tribe of Judea will have a special sermon preached the second Sunday in April. The friends are kindly invited. The celebrated Mendelsolshn singing club will render some rare musical selections at Twelth street church Monday April 12. For the remainder of the week the public will be handsomely entertained by the Lampton street Juvinile choir under the management of Prof. Baughman. J. D. Watts the champion welter-weight of Kentucky, is matched to fight fifteen rounds with James O'Larey April the 15.

The N. A. A. I. U. Convention.

Dyersburg, Tenn., Special.

The fourth county convention of the N. A. A. I. U. was held at Hopewell school house March 26. L. J. Barnes, county Grand Master, called the house to order. Singing and prayer by A. A. Smith, with Mrs. Fredonia Bishop at the desk. L. J Barnes, C. G. M., give the opening address. After the roll was called and all the delegates were present reports by the delegates were made. The increase of membership since last county convention, thirty-five. Those expelled, are: R C. Cawthern, G. W. Greer, Peter Johnson, G. Green, Susie Wilkes, Anna McCorkle, Miles Fuller, Laik Fuller, Ella Wade and America Smith. An open session was also given at night; prayer by Henry Wilkins. There were fully 300 people to hear addresses from different delegates. Mrs. Emily Haskins, Ellen Smith, Fredonia Bishop, Rosa Stewart, Callie Jones, Isa Simmons, Lettie Simmons and Minnie Haskins prepared a bountiful and sumptuous repast for the convention, which adjourned Saturday at 4 p. m. to meet at Hall chapel the first Friday and Saturday in September. There is much suffering in Dyers county caused by the flood. The water was two feet above the high water mark. Mrs. Nancy Rivers and others rented a house for the four colored families brought in from the flood. They were comfortably cared for. The overflow in Dyer's Co. covers 300 square miles of lands of 10,000 acres. Don't forget to give your orders to L. J. Barnes and Henry Barnett for The Freeman.

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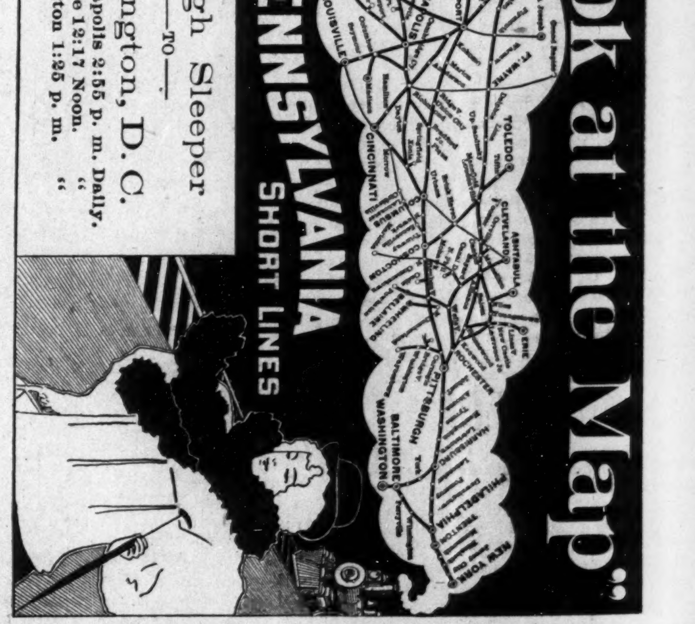

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I may go to the far away isles of the sea,
I may go amid the pleasures of some far away land,
But I'll ne'er forget the once happy band
That gathered around the homestead.

I may go among kingdoms and palaces wide,
I may view the bright scenes of the high mountain side;
I may sail o'er the rippling waves of the deep,
From my mind I'll ne'er be able to keep
The scenes of the homestead.

I may mount the balloon and go up in a gale,
To the highest altitudes, away I may sail;
As I go far away from the home of mankind,
I will think of the dear ones I'm leaving behind,
In the dear old homestead.

As I look o'er the bright flowing waves of the deep,
And the snow capped mountains as they heavenward creep;
I'll think of my Heavenly Father above,
And the last gentle words of mother's love
As they echoed from the homestead.

When far above the clouds and storm,
Tornadoes and earthquakes will give no alarm,
To be at home I know I will long,
When I think of the robin's beautiful song
That echoed around the homestead.

I may look far above at the beautiful stars,
With telescope view the planet of Mars;
The eagle may utter loud screams o'er my head
But I'll ne'er forget what mother last said,
"Don't forget the homestead."

When there is not a sound to break the stillness of night,
The soft moonbeams will be my delight,
When the sweet smell of zephyr passes o'er my head,
And the world below is seemingly dead
I'll think of the homestead.

When I have gazed at the brightness above,
I may then return to the land I love,
As I gaze again on the dark world below,
Far, far away my thoughts will go
To the lovely homestead.

I may go to the war and fight for the free,
The flow of a nation's blood there I may see,
As I stand in ranks and the army shines bright
To my mind, will rush my whole heart's delight,
The thought of the old homestead

I may make my abode in the depths of the sea
Thousands of creatures there I may see;
When the waves of the deep dash o'er my head
I'll think of the path that long ago led
To the homestead.

WEDDING IN HIGH LIFE.

Elegant Costumes Worn—Valuable Presents—Death of a Prominent Politician—Personals, Etc.

Cincinnati, O., Special.

The marriage of Lloyd Buchanan to Miss Hattie Coleman was celebrated at the residence, 500 Elizabeth street, at 8:30, March 25. The house was decorated in rich tapestry and plants for the occasion. The bride was handsomely attired in gray crystal silk, steel trimmings and carried a large bunch of bridal roses. She was attended by her sister, Mrs. Ellis, in brown moire antique; Miss Bartley in Nile green with violet trimmings; Mrs. I. M. Campbell, brocade helitrope, white silk chiffon; Mrs. Henry Davis, white silk, pale blue chiffon; Mrs. Abe Whittmer, green satin, silver trimmings; Mrs. Dillehay black moire antique; Miss Rosie Reid, black silk, pink roses; Mrs. Yates, black silk crepe; Mrs. Cook, black moire silk; Mrs. Harris, black satin. There were many useful and handsome presents presented this happy couple as follows: Silver pitcher, Miss Rosie Reid; toilet set, sales ladies and gentlemen of Mabley & Carew's; fruit picture, Mrs. Cook; picture and easel, Miss Mary Tillman; umbrella stand, Mrs. Ellis; silver butter dish, Mr. and Mrs. Whittmere; cut glass pepper and salt, Miss Maggie Whittmere; silver butter dish, Mrs. Yates; trinket tray, Mrs. Sadie Stewart; fruit plates, Mr. and Mrs. I M. Campbell; set of silver knives and forks, Mabley porters; ice cream plate, Prof. Wm. Johnson; card basket, Sir Knight Tisdale; oriental porteirs, Mr. and Mrs. Davis; silver napkin rings, Mr. and Mrs. Dillehay; onyx table, Miss Bartley, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Taylor, Walnut Hills; fruit plates, Mrs. Powell; berry set, Miss Nelson and Miss McAffee, granite ware and many other things too numerous to mention; L. D. Ervin who is South, sent a choice box of fruits from St. Augustine with his regrets. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Whittmer, Mr. and Mrs. Trotter, Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Dillehay, Mr. and/Mrs. and H. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. H. Davis, Mr and Mrs. Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. White, Mrs. Green and daughter, Misses Martha Coleman, Rosie Forest, Mary Tillman, Maggie Whittimer, Allie Bartley, Maud Findley, Lottie Perry, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. H. Gray, Messrs. James Johnson, Lee Anderson, Prof. Johnson, W. S. Tisdale, Dr. F. W. Johnston, Chas Williams, James J. Scott, Geo Rankin, Richard Reid, Crosby Hillman, Chattanooga, Tenn. After wishing the bride and groom much success through life, everyone left, declaring it one of the swellest affairs of the season.

Ford Stith, the well known politician, died at his home in Willow street, West Walnut Hills, March 28, aged 37 years. He has been a sufferer of Bright's disease for some time. He was one of the leading Republicans of this county. He leaves a wife and one daughter, mother brother and sister to mourn his loss. Rev. H. H. Harris of the Zion Baptist church, after two weeks absence filled his pulpit on the 28th, and preached two eloquent sermons to large audiences. Rev. Thomas Webb of the Calvary Baptist church, administered the ordinance of baptism to ten persons at 11 o'clock a. m. At night Rev. Harris baptized eight. Mrs. Mary Farmer of Lockland, is sick at the home of her mother, Mrs. West of Hopkins street. The program rendered before the Wandering Boys and Girls Social Club was par-excellent. The paper by Miss Blanche Bolden was highly applauded, also the one by Mrs. A. W. Forney, subject: "Satisfaction not Attainable in Human." In fact all of the participants played their parts well. Where The Freeman may be found: J. S. Fielding's barber shop, 227 Longworth street, and Thomas & Frazier's barber shop, John street, near Sixth.

The following resolutions were passed by Zion Baptist church literary society upon the death of one of its worthy members:

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God in his All-wise Providence to call from the fields of labor to reward our beloved brother and friend, Ford Stith, who passed away at his home on Walnut Hills March 28, 1897. We as the Zion Baptist church literary society extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family and many friends who mourn his loss. Let us not weep—our loss is but his gain. "Soldier rest; the warfare is over." Be it

Resolved, That a copy be sent to The Indianapolis Freeman, the Lexington Standard and the Commercial Gazette for publication Committee, Robt. Belsinger, E. J. Polk, J. Q. Brockins.

NOTES OF FASHION.

Sleeves continue to be a subject of deep interest. There is no further diminution in their size for the present, but one feature characterizes all, and that is excessive elaboration.

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The gored, flaring and Vandyke collars still remain popular, and will still be much used on stylish gowns. The Vandyke style is especially pleasing developed in velvet or fancy silk.

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The umbrella of the summer-girl of '97 is a thing of beauty, indeed. No longer is it of sombre black and browns instead, its monotony is diversified by polka dots in white, thickly scattered like snow flakes over a dark blue surface.

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Writing baskets are seen occasionally in lieu of boxes. They are like a low, wide work-basket, lined and perfumed, with cases on the under side of the cover for penholder, pencil, scissors, paper-knife and the rest of the writing needs. The stationery lies in the basket.

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Red geraniums and violets are the very latest caprice, a model hat from Paris of the tip-tilted order showing a mass of the scarlet flowers and green leaves on the brim, and under the brim varied with bunches of violets, while the high trimming at the left side consists of a single small geranium plant, the whole effect being indescribably chic and novel.

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The Easter hat of '97 whatever else it may be, is not remarkable for its simplicity; it is coquettish to the last degree; it is fearfully and wonderfully made and resembles so much as a fragment of the hanging gardens of Babylon! Its distinctive feature is that flowers are used exclusively in its garnishing, ribbons, feathers and lace being conspicuous by their absence in up-to-date headgear.

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Next to the brilliant red flowers and the soft, dainty violets, the very fashionable blossom of the season is the poetic narcissus, called most frequently the daffadil. It will, on account of the continued popularity of the deep and delicate yellow dyes, retain its vogue all summer—first as a genuine blossom; afterwards as an imitation or in deference to the marvelous skill of the Parisian flower-makers as a reproduction. The lack of vitality, like that of many of the artificial roses, cannot be discovered in the beautiful copy until one has touched the flower. It deceives the eye entirely, having all fresh, fragile appearance and natural delicate glow of the true blossom.

New Newspaper Venture.

Eufaula, Ala., Special.

The Mt Level church is now being repaired. Rev. C H. Ammons, the pastor, is a very earnest christian worker in the cause of Christ. Our race should not spend their cash earnings with the other race and then expect to do business on credit with their own race. Why not spend your cash as well as your credit with your own race. Flewellen Ford, who lives in Clayton road, is suffering with a sore foot. H. H. Williams, of Florence, Ga., spent last Saturday in our midst. The Christian Endeavor society is doing well. Rev. C. C. Wallace preached at St. Luke's A. M. E. church last Sabbath. J. S. Evans, of Jernigan, Ala., was in the city last Saturday. St John A. M. E. church is holding a revival meeting, being conducted by Rev. John Harman. The Weekly Herald is the name of a newspaper published here. Prof. C. M Wells, principal of the Baptist Academy, is editor, and W. H. Wallace, The Freeman representative of this city, is the business manager. Rev. John Harmon takes great interest in The Freeman. Rev. J. A. Warren is quite sick. Mrs. Harriett Scott and her brother A. Scott, left Monday for Vicksburg, Miss. Read The Freeman and you will know what the race is doing.

THE FALLEN ONE.

BY MISS VIRGIE WHITSETT, INDIANAPOLIS.

An erring one from a life of shame,
Desired to turn, and her virtue to regain;
Tired of sinning, tired of life,
Filled with misery from strife,
Knocked at Society's gilded door,
With its richly brusseled carpeted floor;
But they who heard her eager call,
Heeded her pleadings, not at all.

With cold disdain and a look of scorn,
Both of pride and prejudice born,
Turned on her a withering smile,
Who years ago did her beguile;
'Twas in Society's gilded salon,
In the ball room she met her doom,
There step by step she downward went
In sin and shame her hours spent.

Now with the blush of youth all flown,
Her heart by suffering, heavy grown,
Rang the bell of Society's hall,
Wishing to rise from her shameful fall,
But the hand that helped her down to go,
Will care for her, Ah, never more!
Sick at heart she turned away,
Bemoaning the day she went astray.

She saw a church with steeple high,
Pointing upward to the sky,
Seeing the moving mass walk in,
Decided to enter, unload her sin;
The words of love the preacher spoke,
And the touching songs her hard heart broke,
Her thoughts were carried up to God;
She longed to walk in the path he trod.

But when the preacher spoke no more,
With sinking heart passed out the door,
No hand was offered hers to take,
No words were said her better to make;
Deeper then to plunge in sin,
Dead the hope of reform within;
She tried at Society's pearl hung door,
Crossed the threshold of God's house o'er.

What can we do for those who fall?
Oh, will we help them not at all?
Will we not heed their piteous cry,
Or leave them in their sins to die?
Who will open to them their door?
Bid them enter and sin no more?
Will the church and world welcome not
The erring one with many a blot?

Negro history has solved the Negro problem from the Negro side. There still remains the Caucasian problem. In view of what the Negro has done for this country—in view of what the white man has done for the Negro will the white man continue and enlarge the work of encouragement to this struggling race? Or will he use the shotgun instead of the Holy Bible; the bloody knife instead of the spelling book? These are problems for Caucasian brains.

I know of no element in noble human character which is not found in the Negro race. Indeed, he has been placed under greater strains of conscience and taxed more severely in honor and integrity than any other race known to history. Did it ever occur to you that the South is even wild in its praises of Negro fidelity in the days when it was prostrate in civil strife and its defenseless women and children committed to the care of the black men of the South? Is there a single case of treachery or infidelity recorded against us? Did it ever occur to you that the Northern soldier could always trust his life in the hands of a black man wherever found? Is there a single case of treachery or infidelity recorded against us by the North? He would defend and feed "old mistress" committed to his care. He would hide the cattle and food and valuables in the hollows and in the thickets, and then pilot the army by these hidden goods safely through the mountains out of danger. Has ever human nature been so taxed before?—Prof. W. H. Council at the corner stone laying of the Negro building, Nashville, Tenn.

There was a dramatic incident in the house yesterday afternoon toward the close of a long and uninteresting debate on the bill to suppress mob violence. The bill was introduced by Representative J. H. Dickinson, the colored member of Wayne county's delegation, and is a copy of the bill drawn by Judge Albion W. Tourgee, and in force in New York. Its purpose is to prevent lynchings and assaults on persons in the custody of officers of the law, and provides that such persons subjected to violence at the hands of a mob shall be entitled to receive damages from the county in which the assault occurs. Mr. Dickinson fought down every amendment proposed in committee of the whole, and was assisted at critical points by Representative Sawyer, of Washtenaw. He kept his temper admirably until Representative McGill proposed to strike out one whole section, then forbearance ceased to be a virtue.

"If you strike that out," said Mr. Dickinson, "you might as well kill the whole bill. Its purpose is not to prevent the lynching of colored rapists. Our people are seldom accused of that crime in the North. White people have a monopoly of that in the North. I introduced the bill to portect white prisoners, hoping that the southern states will reciprocate by passing similar measures to protect my people in the South."

As the speaker warmed up to the subject he grew dramatic and pitched his voice so high that it resounded through the capitol, and brought in scores of people from the committee rooms and corridors to the gallery railings, where they stood listening to Representative Dickinson's excited declamation. He pictured the wrongs to which the colored race has been subjected in the South, said the passion for killing was slowly creeping northward, and asked the members to enact a law that would protect any accused person of crime and secure for him a fair trial. The bill was agreed to in the committee by an emphatic affirmative vote, and placed on its third reading in the house.—Detroit Journal.

Deaths Reported—Personal.

Clarksville, Tenn, Special.

Bryant Nevell died at his home on Commerce street the 14th ult. Mr. Nevell was well known in Tennessee. He was a member of St. John Baptist church, and was about 35 years of age. The funeral services were conducted by Revs. Howard and Clarence Frank. Charles Hunter came down from Cincinnati, O., to attend the funeral of their mother, Mrs. Hunter. After a long illness, Mrs. Nancie Hunter, age about 45 years, died at her home on Main street, the 24th ult. She was a faithful member of Mt. Olive Baptist church. The funeral was conducted by Rev. A. B. Wimberly, her paster. Miss Cornelia Parrish has returned home after a two week's visit in Memphis, Tenn. Miss Wright and Mrs. Dunlop will build a brick dwelling on Ninth street, at a cost of $1,400. Rev. Jordon, of Nashville, was in the city last week. Rev. H. Metcalf made a flying trip to Keyburg recently. Rev. Lankford, P. E. of the A. M. E. church, was here last week. The revival at the C. M. E. church, has closed. Miss Willie Keesee is able to be out again. The Cumberland river is falling at the rate of an inch an hour.

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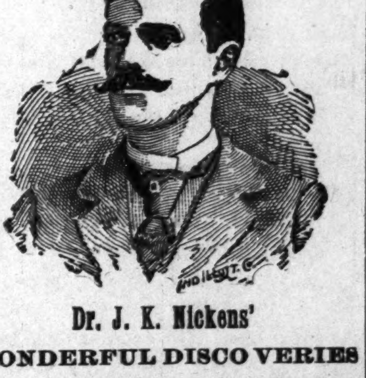

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GET GUNS! NEGROES, GET GUNS!

Get guns! Negroes, get guns! was the fire brand and tow expression that fell from the pen of the able and eloquent Bishop Turner, when in a mental frenzy over the wrongs heaped on his race in the last seven years, which wrongs reached their climacteric a few weeks ago when two colored men were murdered while the A. M. E. conference was in session in Louisiana. We can not advise this very lawless mode of procedure, yet from the tenor of affairs some forcible methods of bringing to terms those who insult the manhood of the race by putting end to lives in these most disgraceful ways, should not be too tardy in obtaing. The Picayune feels that such men as Bishops Mallaieu and Turner are "stirrers up of strife." We may not hold with Bishop Turner, but feel very much like making issue with the Picayune for trying to find exceedingly great fault with the expressions, when it knows very well that this strongest provocation possible called for some such expressions whether they were meant or not. The expressions never could equal the actual commission of the crimes. If these good journals would moralize on the effects of lawlessness and border ruffianism as much as they have over the indiscreet editorial of Bishop Turner's, they would be instruments for good. We thought we saw and believe we do see a diminution of that utter disregard that has been shown for Negro life and manhood in the South. The Negro needs vast concessions; a healing balm at this juncture. Assassination of race character, red handed murder and open rapine seems to be on the wane. Or is it merely satiety which requires slow digestion after which will open the capacious maw for human butchery again? Bishop Turner may not be justified in advising the use of force against force in a country where the strong arm of the law is supposed to encircle the weak, but we all know the story of our wrongs, and will not harrow up the feelings with the recital of those horrid atrocities which makes the blood of the listener cold. Bishop Turner has no small cause for his warlike utterances. He is of a leonine nature, rugged honesty and has an unconquerable aversion to the taunts and flings of the white man's contumely. He is of a heroic mould, more like the Norsemen or the Vikings of old. Honor is always the subject of his story. He would rather, quite contrary to aggregarious man, reign a king in a desert than dwell amidst alarums. He has pointed out feverish Africa as a hope and a heritage, rather than be the lickspittle of a people born "superior" and who never fail to tell it in and out of season. The country seems to be recovering in some measure from mob law Let the Southern "white" press, the pulpit and the forum send out salvos of denunciations against this un-American principle, that allows a neighbor to take in custody his fellow neighbor, without the due process of the law.

MAJORS UNWARRENTED ATTACK UPON DR. GRAHAM.

It has always been the policy of The Freeman to open its columns to free discussion between individuals who knew how to use the same for intelligent exchange of ideas or manly criticism. We believe much good is accomplished for the race, and that our leaders are the more careful of their lives when they know that their short comings are liable to public criticism through the medium of the press. But while thus opening an avenue for discussion and criticism, we have never intended that our columns should be used for persecution, or as a purveyor of scandal written by anyone for the purpose of harming reputable persons. We have endeavored to be very careful from whom we receive communications, but notwithstanding our precautions, we have sometimes been imposed upon. The most notable of which was the recent contribution of Dr. M. A. Majors of Decatur, Ill. We have been under the impression that the Doctor was a minister in good standing and a reputable gentleman. With this belief in view we have admitted his articles to our columns without careful perusal. When our last issue came from the press we were surprised and chagrined to know that we had published from the pen of Dr. Majors a scathing attack upon the character of the Rev. D. A. Graham of this city. That the allegations are without the least foundation; every one who knows Dr. Graham feels satisfied. He was born, reared and educated in this state. Here he taught and preached till he was called to larger and more lucrative fields. In Chicago, where it is alleged that he was such an evil doer, his church enjoyed during his four years pastorate, such an era of prosperity as it never knew before. This speaks very pronouncedly in Dr. Grahams behalf. It is known that it was his splendid record and eminent moral standing, which caused the leading church of the Indiana Conference to seek his appointment to her pulpit. He is held in the highest repute by the A. M. E. church of Indiana which started him in the ministry many years ago. We feel that the attack is unwarranted and malicious in extreme owing to very damaging assertions. We are dissapointed in Dr. Majors in that he allowed his zeal to exceed his judgement. We never felt that the tilt between Drs. Majors and Graham would end so disastrously. The fact that Dr. Graham saw fit to reply to Dr. Majors gave us room to publish without keen scutiny whatever was sent for publication.

We hope that our many readers will consider this article in the light of an ample apology for allowing an article to appear that was pregnant with so much mischief. We owe apologies to both Drs. Graham and Johnson for the publication of an article which their names were so basely used disclaiming any knowledge whatever of the deep import the article carried.

HON. JOHN P. GREEN, of Ohio, has been invited by the Lecture Bureau of Fisk University of Nashville, Tenn., to deliver a lecture in that city on the evening of April 9. He has chosen for a subject; "My Country 'Tiz of Thee." Mr. Green is a formidable candidate for the Recordership of Deeds. Washington, D. C.

The Freeman as a rule, muzzles no one in what they may say through its columns, relying largely on the common sense of its contributors as to what is said. We feel that many of the charges and counter charges appearing lately should have been greatly modified

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THE Boston Committee that has in charge the unveiling of the statue May 31st in memory of the late Col. Robert G. Shaw have invited Booker T. Washington of Tuskegee, to deliver an address on that occasion.

SUPERINTENDENT D. K. Goss has again been chosen as the head of the Indianapolis public schools.

ALL quiet on the Potomac!

CALIFORNIA'S BLACK LAW TROUBLES.

California is wrestling with her black law, one of which denies the right of marriage between the blacks and whites. The Eagle of Los Angeles says:

Art 1, section 60 declares that the marriage between white and black is nul and void, while it is, you please to other people, Chinese, Japs, "banana eaters," or anybody but the honest Negro; the American of centuries.

The Eagle thinks that there is no disposition on the part of either race toward intermarriage, but that the law is a menace hung out and aimed at the Negro. It thinks nothing is gained where a state actually steps in and by force denies a right given by the Creator—a right to take to wife whom a man choses. It does seem to be one of the inconsistencies of what we term popular institutions. that such institutions take delight in perpetuating a law that strikes at the very roots of society. The object may be to keep the Aryan races from contamination with "inferior" blood. If such be the object, the attempt is a dismal failure; for as has been well said other races are grati personae no matter what roots they are of. The laws of this kind are farcial in the extreme, if they attempt to prohibit. It is well known that there are but a few Negroes in this whole land but what owe the blush of their cheeks to the infusion of Caucasian blood. There are springing up daily countless reminders of the futility of the attempt to keep defined by sharp lines the meeting points of the races. Surreptitiously if not otherwise these widely contrasted peoples have met and the future promises no different results. And further more, there should be no lines of defense before superiority. It is indicative of weakness only when such fictitious boundary lines are drawn. These lines argue the law of the antipodes as exemplified in Othello. It may be that the longing for offinity is satisfied of ten times in the strong black race only. At any rate the process of miscegenation is still on, no matter what the stimuli. These bars erected by statutes will sooner or later fall by force of sheer absurdity or become equally impotent by desuetude.

THE TENNESSEE CENTENNIAL.

When I am in Rome I do as Rome does, says St. Paul. The saying is still logical. The Tennessee Exhibition promoters are giving Negroes very much consideration. The effort to belittle the movement owing to the distinctive Negro feature is out of place when everything is considered. The rage for getting "by" is all right, the fact must not be lost sight of that the Negroes are on trial all the country over, but mainly so in the South. It is more than likely too that they who are able to bring about the situation, will use their own methods in doing so. The process of evolution is going on as truly as in the case of some of the lower productions of nature. It is folly blindness not to recognize that what is, is. The tendency to sit on the wheels of the movement cannot have anything other than a bearish effect. To put it plainly, there should be no sideshows for Negroes in any part of the country, nor would there be if the spirit of the law prevailed. But it is not law that renders the Negro race a side show but sentiment which is stronger by far. If in the minds of the people who control affairs, wealth, power and influence, it is firmly established that the Negro has not yet subscribed to all the conditions, then the rule of conduct for the future is plain enough. If the establishing of these adjuncts to these Expositions is a means of proving worth and ability, the opportunity should be eagerly embraced. The Atlanta Exhibition was a grand power for good. It gave prominence to an individual who has since that time had carte blanche entrance to institutions that were considered impregnable to the assaults of the black handed sons of Africa. The success of this individual carries with it the possibility of the race. A few more Atlanta Expositions accompanied by a few more Booker T. Washingtons and the citadel of prejudices will crumble beneath the weight of the attack. Tennessee is before us. It is true a memory of the dead pass arises with the name. Let us conclude philosophically to allow the dead past to bury its dead. The real, the living confronts us. If Tennessee sees fit to make amends for past short comings, she should be allowed to do it in the way that she best feels that she can do it. If Tennessee feels that in this display she has acted magnanimously, who is to doubt it? Beggars cannot be choosers, is a homely phrase, that does not set well very often, but the truthfulness no matter how searching, cannot be denied. The Exhibition cannot bring harm; hence must perforce do some good

THE EDITOR IN JAIL.

The Galveston Times is a unique little publication, whose editor prints what the average citizen might think but would never speak. We introduced this hardy specimen of a Southern spitfire to our readers a few weeks ago under the caption of "A Very Nervy Man." W. L. Jones, who is responsible for the appearance of the Times, is now in the common jail of that city on account of some of the castigations he has been giving the white people in that section of the country through his paper. Mr. Jones has been sentenced for a year, but he, by some hook or crook, succeeds in sending out the Times on its weekly mission. It goes without saying, the country does not afford another character like Jones He is an excellent writer, a ready thinker and the synonym of wit. But when it comes to lampooning and burlesquing, he has no rival. We can not approve of all he says, or rather the way he says it, but the fact remains that through all of his rough hewn remarks, there stands a remarkable man behind it all. Of course Mr. Jones is unchaste and inelegant very often, but never does he appear unlearned, or in other words, a fool. He is brave to rashness. He is an invitation to wrath. He could turn his talents to a far better account than chosing the expressions he does for his thoughts. He is a social scavenger, by that we mean he tells right out what happens, nor is he particular as to language used. He seem to go on the theory that dirty doings need dirty handling. He has run a young lady school teacher out of the city after telling of her episode during a vacation in Boston with a college president, white. He has a penchant for mentioning names that is a caution. He makes life unbearable to wrong doers in that neck of the woods. It is a question whether he should be commended or condemned for his zeal. It is safe to say there is but one W. L. Jones, and he is in jail in Galveston, Tex.

STIRRERS-UP OF STRIFE.

It is commonly supposed that the religious clergy are men of peace; but why, in the light of history, they should be considered entitled to a monopoly in that line is not easy to understand.

Nevertheless they are usually classed with the peacemakers, who are declared to be specially blessed, and many of them are entitled to that beneficent distinction. The exceptions, however, are few. and some of them seem to be in their proper element only when engaged in stirring up strife. There have been recently several eminent examples of that sort of thing.

One of these is Bishop Mallalieu, of the Methodist Epicopal church, who, while holding recently a session of the conference of that church in Baltimore, took occasion to denounce in violent terms as "an abominable rag" the flag which once floated over the Confedacy of the Southern States. So uncalled for and inopportune was that expression of the Reverend Bishop that it was disapproved and condemned on the spot, and subsequently the following resolution, offered by Rev. W. M. Fergerson, was adopted unanimously:

"That the reference of Bishop Mallalieu, at the recent session of our conference, to the flag of the Confederacy was an entirely personal utterance and reflected in no degree the sense of the Baltimore conference."

But Bishop Mallalieu is not the only one of his rank and cloth who seems filled with the old war spirit. Another is Bishop Henry M. Turner, of the African Methodist Episcopal church, who is also editor of the Missioners' Voice.

In an editorial in a recent issue of his paper, as quoted by the New York Evening Post. this holy man advises Negroes in the Southern States to arm themselves with guns and revolvers, and when their houses are invaded by lynchers, or any mob, to shoot down their assailants. The Bishop says that he has had it in mind to say this for more than seven years, but hesitated, fearing it would meet the disapproval of the House of Bishops. He adds: "Hereafter we shall speak it, preach it, tell it, and write it. Again we say: Get guns, Negroes! get guns! and may God give you good aim when you shoot."

This sort of firebrand and shotgun preaching does more to damage the cause of religion and to drive quiet and peaceable people away from it than could be done by any other device of the devil. Religious agitators, whose desire is to stir up strife and drive men to bloodshed, are the worst enemies religion could possibly have.—New Orleans Picayune.

We doubt the wisdom of drawing out skeletons or alleged skeletons, which some of our foremost citizens have been doing in order to prove who is the more offensive.

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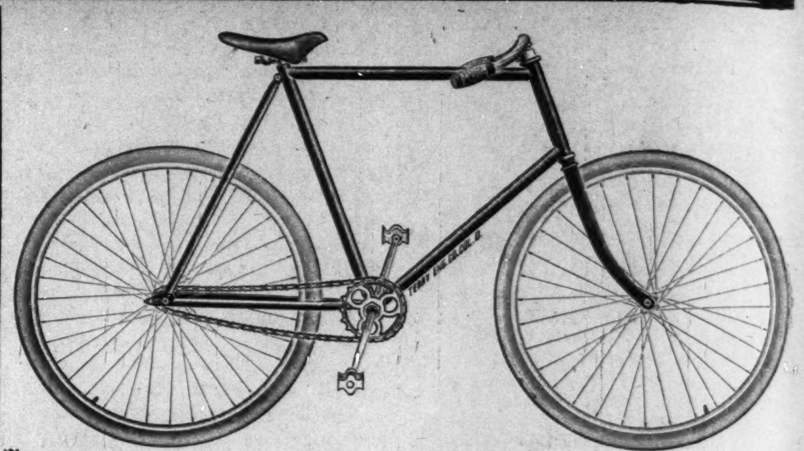

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Hamilton, O., Special.

Rev. Wm. H. Coleman spent last Sunday morning and afternoon at Oxford, Ohio, assisting the Grand Rally. A good time was reported. There will be an old fashion spelling match given by the literary society next Thursday. Missionary day was held last Sunday at Paynes Chapel A. M. E. Sunday School; a very interesting program was rendered. Mrs. W. Johnson has returned home after a pleasant visit to friends of Middletown, O. A large number of people from here attended the concert at Oxford, O., the 1st inst. Miss M. Steward and Wm. Watkins, attended the grand rally at Oxford Sunday. Mr. T. Sampson has returned home. Mrs. T. Smith has been removed from the hospital to her home very much improved in health. Mr. H. Morris is very sick with lung trouble. Mrs. G. Alfred and son attended the funeral of Mrs. Maria Pond of Lockland Saturday.

Gleanings of a Week's Growth.

Clarinda, Ia., Special.

Rev. R. Knight is able to be out again. Mrs. Anna Hamlor and Bertha Webb left Friday evening for Grand Island, Neb. W. M. Brown left last Monday for Keokuk, Ia. Miss Belle Cacon has returned home from California. She has been ill, but is better at this writing. Miss Amanda Caicon is convalescent. Mrs. Nettie Helm moved to Omaha, Neb., last week. Harley Kene has opened a barber shop in Pleasant Valley, South Clarinda. Miss Anna Anderson will return home next week. Mrs. Katie Cartmill is on the sick list.

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There is a letter at this office for Flora Batson-Bergen.

The Eldridges—Billy and Jennie, are at Hammerstein's Olympia, New York City, this week.

Black Patti has been engaged to make a tour of Europe directly after her American season closes.

Flora Batson sang to a crowded house at Cotton Avenue A. M. E. church at Macon, Ga., March 29.

"Darkest America" is booked to appear at the Grand Opera House, Indianapolis, April 15-16-17.

The Norris'—Wesley and Corinne, are one of the biggest hits with Al Reeves' Burlesque company.

McCabe & Young's Minstrel, representing Black Trilby, played to a fair audience at Macon, Ga, March 30.

Billy McClain, an old Indianapolis boy, and wife, Mme. Cordelia, who are now with "Darkest America," are conceded by the management and public to be the cleverest versatile performers on the stage among the Afro-Americans. As a director, Mr. McClain has no equal for handling colored people.

The Musee, a new theatre at Lawrence, Mass., opened for its initial performance March 15th, the attraction being Isham's Octoroons. The seating capacity of the house was tested and standing room only was to be had at 8 p. m. The company embraces excellent vocalists and commedians, including Tom McIntosh, Sam Lucas and Sidney Woodward.

"The Three of a Kind from Clarksville"—Cobb, Owens and Merriweather, can be engaged by first-class managers for the coming season. They are producing their latest act, introducing singing, dancing and baton slingers. They are without a doubt the only trio of boy comedians on the road. Managers write at once to J. E. Cobb 131 South Eleventh street, Clarksville, Tenn.

The greatest success achieved by any Afro-American lady this season in a humorist or dramatic way, has fell into the path of that greatest of all readers, Kate A. Patterson, the only "Humoartiste." Her success has been phenominal in Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Deleware, especially at New Haven, appearing to 581 people. Her intonations, inflection and gestures are perfect. Prof. S. G. Peabody, her late instructor of Princeton College, says she has no affectations that so many readers possess. Her 96-97 repertoire consists of one hundred and nine selections. On Sunday evening, March 28th, she gave a sacred recital at big Bethel A. M. E. church, Wilmington, Del., and Rev. O. D. Robinson, the pastor, says for a Sunday night attraction and a general artist, she has no equal. Mrs. Patterson is the only colored lady elocutionist that can entertain an audience for two hours without assistance with success. W. Frank Patterson, her manager and husband, is an old Indianian. Her work is a success everywhere, both press and pulpit being high in their united praise of her great work.

The Binghamton (N. Y.) Republican in a recent issue, said: "Richards and Pringle's famous Georgia Minstrels, which opened a three days' engagement at the Davis theater yesterday, proved themselves to be one of the most welcome and enthusiastically received companies of the season The minstrels were a decided change from the regular routine performances and were greatly appreciated by two large audiences. With the company is Billy Kersands, the well-known comedian, whose presence always adds mirth in abundance wherever he is seen. One of the most entertaining features of the performance was given by Hillman and Perrin, the musical artists. They call their turn "Wash-day in Musicville," and the name is very appropriate. In a clever manner they force music out of everything they touch, and good harmonies at that. One of their selections is played on a picket fence, another on clothes pins, one on flat irons, still another on a chicken coop, and even to the wash hanging on the line. The original devices used to produce harmonies were as amusing as the excellent selections. William Slay's marvelous imitation of birds, beasts, fowls, trains, etc., was the best ever heard in the city. He is a wonder in himself and has a faculty of cleverly imitating the various creations that in comparison with even the originals there could be no criticism. Mr. Craig, as he is truly called the boneless wonder, hand balrance and teeth equilibrist, gave a marvelous exhibition. The vocal charms and quartet selections were good and received much merited applause. The company have their own orchestra, which has a tendency to enliven the performance from beginning to end.

Late Literary News.

"Does Modern College Education Educate, in the Broadest and Most Liberal Sense of the Term?" is one of the most important inquiries that could be set on foot. This discussion, which is to be taken part in by President Gilman of the Johns Hopkins, President Dwight of Yale, President Schurman of Cornell, President Morton of the Stevens Institute, Henry Thurston Peck of Columbia, Bishop Potter and others of the most distinguished men of both the United States and Europe, is begun in the April Cosmopolitan by a radical inquiry into the educational problem along the lines of Herbert Spencer. President Gilman will follow in a direction almost equally searching. Altogether there is promised the frankest possible expression, of opinion and it seems probable that it will be the most thorough comparison ever made of educational methods with the needs of every-day life at the close of the nineteenth century.

New Choir Organized.

South Bend, Ind., Special.

Mrs. G. D. Smith is still on the sick list. Mrs. Nora Easley Brown, who has been visiting Mrs. M. E. Henderson of Chicago, has returned home. The ladies of Mt. Zion Baptist church have organized a new choir. Members, Miss Lillian Walker, Miss Verner Lee and Mrs. Nora Brown, soprano; Miss Helen Lee, alto; Mr. George Johnson, basso; Miss Thirza Sanders, organist. Services and Sunday school are well attended. Prospects are better for church work. The new police commissioners board were installed last week, and a part of the force were appointed, but not one colored man is yet mentioned. Please don't overlook that matter, for we are faithful to our trust, but cannot tell when the change will come. There are some of the colored men working on public works here side by side with the whites, but not on the police force or mail service. Don't forget that we are expecting something this round.

News in General.

Columbus, O., Special.

B. F. James of Delaware county, has been appointed guard at the Ohio penitentiary. James White of Sells Bro. Show band arrived in the city. Dean House arrivals: George Andrew. R. Alexander, Pittsburg; James Lovell, Dayton, O.; James Elis, Piqua; J. Jones, Sidney, O.; Garrison B. Williams, Logan, O. Page Fence Giants played the Columbus Western League, and it was a good game of ball as the Columbus team is a professional one, and the colored team played great ball. The first game was 7 to 10 and and the second was 9 to 9 in the in the ninth ining, but were beaten by 10 to 12 Norman Austin injured his foot recently. Grant Dallas is on the sick list. There was almost a riot at the Steel Plant caused by A. Russell striking one of the men with a brick. After he had been assaulted, by good running he escaped the crowd. The only colored representative in the deaf and dumb asylum was legislated out of office.

Evergreen Pleasure Club Social.

Berkley, Va., Special.

Our town is being improved gradually. The Evergreen Pleasure club will give a social on Easter Monday evening. A fine time is expected. The G. P. C. A. club gave a social on the 29th ult., which was largely attended. Among the guest present were Misses Lula Anderson, Emma Brown, of Norfolk; Mrs. H. P. Robinson, Miss M. Scott, of this city. Greenleaf Johnson's mill was destroyed by fire the 4th inst., by which laborers are thrown out of employment. Miss Agnes Geary, of Norfolk, expressed herself as fully satisfied with the noble race paper, The Freeman. Jerimiah Barnes, of Owen Sound, Canada, is in business in our town. Rev. Israel Butt and Rev. Jas. H. Garner preached their farewell sermons last Sunday night to large audiences. They both left this week for the annual conference, which met in Wytheville, Va. The people desire the return of the ministers. Services at the First Baptist church last Sabbath was largely attended at 11 a. m. The pastor, Rev. S. E. Griggs, preached an excellent sermon. The B. Y. P. U. met Monday evening at 8 o'clock. The subject was: "The Comfort of the Story of the Resurrection." A large number were present and enjoyed themselves. The members of the Lyceum of St. James church have a splendid program on each Friday night. W. B. Daugherty, at 72 Chestnut street, keeps a full line of gents' furnishing goods. He has just opened his spring line of the same.

Fatally Shot.

Clarksville, Tenn., Special.

Elder Cleaves has been conducting a revival at Wesley's Chapel, and with the aid of other ministers he has succeeded in saving a large number of souls. Walter Clark shot and fatally wounded Walter Gossum in the suburbs Friday March 2nd. Al G. Field's combined minstrels and Utopia appeared in this city March 30th. They showed to a crowded house. J. W. Miller whose correct name was not known here but who formerly traveled with McCabe and Young's Minstrels left the city on March 31, carrying with him several articles of stolen property, and in consequence of the same Byron Firse, J. H. Ratcliff and the Clarksville brass band are the oosers, as the result of Miller's raid.

The Booker Washington Club.

Lafayette, Ind., Special.

The scholars of the A. M. E. Sunday school are preparing an elaborate program for Easter. Benj. Moore is lying at the point of death at his home. The B. T. Washington Club held an open meeting last Friday, each member of the club taking a friend An interesting program being rendered. Refreshments were served and all had a nice time.

Weddings Announced.

Chicago, Ill., Special.

The Ninth Battalion Amateur Minstrels at Battery D last Monday night was a grand success. About $100 was raised to be applied on their handsome dress uniforms. Mrs. D. P. Denning, who has been residing in New York, has returned to the city for permanent residence. Flossie Carter, aged 16, died at the residence of Mrs. Campbell, 3412 Dearborn street Monday. Her funeral took place at Quinn chapel Thursday. Bethesda Baptist church is holding a series of revival meetings. There were nine colored candidates voted for Tuesday. Five were candidates for constables, two were candidates for South town clerk, one for alderman, and one for assessor. To-morrow the largest class in the history of the St. Thomas Episcopal church will be confirmed. Between 40 and 50 will be added to the church roll.

Two weddings are announced to take place after Lent. It is said that Miss L. Davenport will marry a wealthy New York gentleman, and that Miss P. Thompson, daughter of the late Rev. Thompson of the Episcopal church, will marry a son of Smiley, the wealthy caterer. Both young ladies are prominent social lights. Mrs. Essridge, 2602 Milwaukee, went to bed while smoking. She fell asleep, and sparks from her pipe ignited her clothing. She was seriously burned before the flames could be extinguished.

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES.

The 5 o'clock prayer meeting was well attended last Sabbath.

Services were well attended all day last Sabbath. Rev. T. J. Carr of Clarksville, Tenn., preached at 11 a. m. Communion at 2 p. m. Rev. J. W. Carr, D. D., preached at 8 p. m. Collection $54.88.

The Orinocos were entertained last Thursday at the cosy residence of Mrs. S. Dobbs, 85 Maxwell street. The life of Louis XIV was discussed.

The drama, Damon and Pythias, was a success, given at this church the 2nd.

The Centennial mass meeting held at the church and addressed by Rev. T. J. Carr a representative of the Centennial was quite interesting.

ALLEN CHAPEL NOTES.

There were two accessions to the church last Sunday, Rev. B. V. Wilson, and Bessie Turner.

The Y. P. S. C. E. sent their delegates to the District Convention at Greenfield.

The concert given by the Tuxedo club last Thursday evening was well attended. The young men acquitted themselves creditably.

Rev. Murray spent a few days in Connersville last week assisting Rev. J. H. Fisher in his meeting.

The Missionary Society held quite an interesting meeting last Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Ella Williams, president.

Rev. B. V. Wilson preached an able sermon Sunday evening.

Miss Fannie Hardrick has been elected assistant superintendent of the Sunday school.

The primary department of the Sunday school will give an Easter Sympcsium Friday previous to Easter.

There will be special services throughout the day Easter. See the notes next issue.

Next Sunday, Palm Sunday, will be observed by a special program at 10:45 a. m. At 3 p. m. by invitation the pastor will preach a special sermon to Company M 3rd Regiment of the Indiana National Guard. The company will leave Armory hall in a body, for the church at 2 p. m. The chorus of forty voices will furnish the music. At 8 p. m. preaching by Rev. T. E. Wilson A. B, of Marion. Monday evening Rev. B. V. Wilson of Taylor University, will lecture on "The Republic of Liberia," West Africa. Lecture free.

NINTH PRESBYTERIAN NOTES.

The Rev. Dr. Ballard, pastor of the Memorial Presbyterian church preached an excellent sermon Sunday. Four young men joined the church.

We have good spiritual prayer meeting every Wednesday night which is the anchor of the church. Members are earnestly requested to be present.

The Sunday school is progressing nicely, and is preparing an excellent program for Easter. There will be preaching by a Presbyterian minister Easter at 4 p. m.

The Young People's Aid Alliance will give a concert at the church Wednesday evening, April 21. Mrs. Jennie Taylor, president; Miss Mahorney, secretary; Mrs. Wayne, treasurer; Miss Myrtle Hart, Miss Lillie Hill, Drs. S. Furniss and J. Ward directors. The young people always give pleasant entertainments.

A Colored Man's Device.

W. H. Jackson, a colored man, of this city, has patented an automatic switch, which, he claims, will revolutionize railroads. The model of the patent is on exhibition in the office of General Yard Master Hicks of the Big Four. The device is somewhat complicated. It is so arranged that whenever a train passes on to a siding the switch immediately swings back to the main line. This leaves the main line clear, if the device works properly. It is necessary for a brakeman to set the switch on entering a side track. He then swings on the train and the machinery does the rest.

Simpson Chapel Pastorate.

Rev. George A. Sissle, late presiding elder of the Louisville district, was appointed by the Lexington conference to fill the pulpit at Simpson chapel. Rev. L. M. Hagood, the former pastor of this church, has been assigned to Covington, Ky., one of the best charges in the conference. During his three years as pastor here, Dr. Hagood has proven himself to be an efficient minister, and the host of friends he has made here regret his removal. Dr. E. W. S. Hammond, the talented orator, is presiding elder of the Louisville district, and Rev. Gilliam has been re-appointed as presiding elder of this district. Rev. M. S. Johnson, who resides in this city, has been assigned to the Jackson street church in Louisville. Presiding Elder Coatley has been assigned to the Lexington district.

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Union Baptist Literary.

Alton, Ill., Special.

The U. B of F Circle Lodge No. 2, will have their annual sermon preached on Sunday the 25th of this month at the A. M. E. church. Mr. Allen an aged citizen of Bell street, died last Thursday. The funeral took place Saturday afternoon. Joseph Hutchison is getting along nicely at the hospital where the U. B. F.'s are sparing no pains in attending to and seeing that the brother has everything that can better his condition. On Sunday H. B. Hunter, W. H. Joiner, secretary and J. Dates, one of the sick committee, called at the hospital in the morning and found Mr. Hutchinson resting easy. The literary of the Union Baptist church rendered a very interesting program. The program: reading, Miss Ella Osby; recitation, Miss Julia Jones; singing congregation; declamation, R. D. Spencer; recitation, Miss Susie Odey; declamation, Mr. W. Porter; song, the literary quartet; paper, Miss Ella Osby; singing, the society; prayer, Mr. Stevens; adjourned. Mr. Porter has gone from Des Moines, Ia. On resigning my agency of The Freeman I wish to thank the customers for their patronage and hope who ever my successor may be, do as much for him as The Freeman is the most interesting colored paper published.

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A Rousing Meeting.

Baton Rouge, La., Special.

At Bethel A. M. E. church Sunday the 21st at 3 p. m. a rousing meeting was held. F. N. Parker, H. W. Rickey of the white M. E. church also Rev. G. Byrd of Shiloh Baptist church of this city were with us and Prof. F. C. Blemdon teacher of Live Oak school of this city was present. The service was conducted by Rev. F. N. Parker. Rev Parker preached, Elder H. W. Rickey prayed as did Prof. F. C. Blemdon. Collection $12 25. At 7:30 Rev J. W. Hughey preached and three persons came up confessing religion. Mr. Grant S. Neal is in our city; he is a hustler.

A Noble Work.

From the Omaha Christian Advocate.

There is no one in Omaha or vicinity who has not heard of Mr. N. J. Smith, founder of Rescue Home. He has for a number of years, devoted a large share of his time to the work of rescuing the fallen, furnishing aid to those in distress and helping in every way possible those in trouble. He has been in poor health for several years, but all will be pleased to learn that his health is now much better and he is able to take active charge of the mission work, to which he now devotes his entire time.

On January 1st, 1897, he writes as follows: "I have been troubled for several years with a bad cough. I had lung chills and slight hemorrhage of the lungs and was threatened with consumption. My mother and two sisters have died with consumption, I expected the same fate; but I tried Dr. Kay's Lung Balm, prepared by Dr. B. J. Kay Medical Co., Omaha, Neb., and two 25c boxes have entirely cured me of my cough and soreness of my lungs. That tired, sleepy and drowsy feeling is all gone and my appetite is now good. I feel well and full of life. I can work night and day and do not feel tired, Praise the Lord for the help it has given me. I write this hoping if any read it who are similarly afflicted and have been unable to get help from any other sources that they will try this excellent remedy, which I believe to be the best cough medicine of which I have any knowledge."

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BRYAN'S PAPER.

The Editor Again Restored to Health

Mr George W. Hervey, editor of the Weekly Omaha World-Herald, is a perfect picture of health and looks more like the Hervey of other days. To see him now, one can hardly believe that he has been such a great sufferer. He writes of his failing health and recovery, in his characteristic way as follows:

"For several years I was troubled with indigestion so severe as to make it impossible to take more than two meals a day without intense suffering. I grew worse gradually until, July 1895, I was suddenly attacked with increased pain and soreness over the pit of my stomach and sharp pains in my right side which rapidly increased until I could scarcely get my breath. A physician was called for immediate relief and hypodermic injections of morphine were resorted to for relief. I was able to be out in about a week but had a second attack the following August, more intense than before. I was reduced from 156 to 134 lbs. in nine days and left wholly unable to take any nourishment. I lived on lime water and a very little milk for several days after. For one year I carried morphine pellets in my pockets ready for an emergency. All this time my stomach was sore and very sensitive. I discovered that what would agree with my stomach this week would probably not next week and that I was getting nearer and nearer to a final collapse. I consulted 3 of the best physicians in the state and two agreed fully as to my ailment but failed to give me relief. Having utterly failed to obtain relief, I finally made arrangements to go to Chicago to be treated when my little boy chanced to get a sample package of Dr. Kay's Renovator which he brought to me. I was induced to try it, not having the least faith in its virtues. I thought the sample relieved me and I purchased a 25 cent box. Before it was all used I had so improved that I was taking three meals a day, which I had not done for years. I then used one package of the large Dr. Kay's Renovator and one more of the small size. It is eight months since I commenced using Dr Kay's Renovator and I now have no symptoms whatever of my old trouble. I have recommended it to many of my friends for stomach trouble and I think all have reported relief." Geo W. Hervy, Omaha, Neb., Feb. 17, 1897. Dr. Kay's Renovator is sold by druggists or sent by mail for 25 cts. and $1. Booklet free Dr. B. J. Kay Medical Co., Omaha, Neb. Sold by H. C. Pomeroy, opp. post office.

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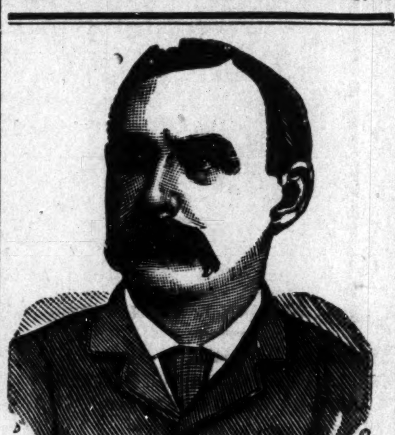

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A KANGAROO COURT.

A Two by Four Lawyer Besmirched The Race—A New Negro Journal—News in General.

Holly Grove, Ark, Special.

This quiet little town was all astir last Tuesday over the trial of one Jesse Phillps for selling whisky without license. The special features of the trial that attracted attention aroused the indignation of every respectable Negro in this community, was the slanderous vituperations of the jack-leg two by four white lawyers interested in the case, who seemed to take special pride in slandering the colored people generally. He stated that all Negroes were immoral, and that none cared a flip for their marriage vows. The witnesses introduced both by the plaintiff and defense were grossly ignorant, and of the lowest order of the human family, reflecting in their demesnor a discreditable manner upon the race. The outcome of the whole fracas was a row over a disreputable woman. Negroes should learn to settle their differences outside of justice courts, as they ultimately get the worst of it. It is an outrage to pay jack-leg lawyers to besmirch the race.

The excitement here over the high waters is still rife. Many families abandoned their homes in the overflowing country and moved to a higher altitude. The concensus of opinion is, that yet great suffering will result from this overflow. Rev. E. Malcolm Argyle of the A. M. E. church paid a flying visit to Pine Bluff last week. Mrs. Frank Bryant has been quite ill the past week. Miss Mary T. Davis has been quite ill this week, but is convalescing. Rev. Brown Lee of the C. M. E. church was down Sunday and filled his pulpit at Norman's chapel. W. G. Bobo has been driven from his farm by the high waters. Mrs. H. A. Jameson of Indian Bay is sojourning in this city with her father. She is running from high waters. Rev. T. H. Moore, pastor of the Jackson Circuit, has moved his family out of the high waters, and is sojourning in this city. Worshippers of New Hope A. M. E. church have been cut off from all services on account of high waters. There is a move on foot to establish a Negro newspaper in this county. It is said upon the authority of one of the stockholders that the journal will be placed upon a firm financial basis to start with. The name of the new paper will be the Arkansas Vidette. If there is anything in a name the Vidette will be a sentinel placed upon the crest of public opinion, and will watch carefully, and guard with jealousy any and all interests of the race.

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THE CARE OF CHILDREN.

Some Things Youthful Mothers Should Make a Note Of

An infant should be given no food containing starch until it cuts its teeth. Starchy foods, including biscuits, corn flower, tapioa, sago, rice, potato, etc. An infant cannot digest any of these until its teeth are cut.

Violent noises and rough shakings or tossings are hurtful to a baby and should be avoided as much as possible.

Infants should never be put into a sitting posture until they are at least three months old, when they will probably sit up of their own accord. They should be carried flat in the nurse's arms, as, if the little back is at all curved, it may lead to curvature of the spine or chest disease.

Until children are six or seven years old they should have twelve hours' sleep every night. In addition to this a nap of two hours, either in the morning or afternoon—especially in hot weather—will do a great deal toward keeping them bright and well.

Church Notes.

South Bend, Ind., Special.

Mrs. Rev. G. D. Smith is very sick at her residence 116 Birdsell street. Mrs. Mattie Johnson at 301 N. Walnut street is improving slowly. Rev. G. D. Smith, Misses Lillie Walker and Helen Lee attended the B. Y. P. U. Convention at Battle Creek the 26-27. The A. M. E. church, was well attended Sunday. The Mount Zion Baptist church, was well filled Sunday. The pastor preached a good sermon in the morning and evening subject "Where have ye Laid Him." A good Sunday school with an increased attendance. Mrs. R. H. Matthews has purchased a fine piano for her daughter, Miss Jennie. It is to be hoped that race pride will so characterize the Negro that he will see the need of a race paper in his family. We have no history of the noble deeds of our fathers. Let us begin now to keep in touch with other nations by reading our race paper and the condensed thought of our wise and worthy colored men.

Bishop Turner's Paper.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

One of the frankest, best and perhaps the boldest newspaper published by any colored editor, is the Voice of Missions, of Atlanta, Ga. Although it stands in the very heart of the South where caste and proscription are common, and where a man is presumed to jeopardize his life when he dares to speak out against the injustice to the Negro. This paper discusses fearlessly every specie of wrong to the colored race which comes under its notice. Recently it dared to publish an article with an illustration of a Southern lynching bee, and advised Negroes of the South whose lives are taken for the most flimsy charge, and whose homes are desecrated at the will of ruffians, to provide themselves with guns and to shoot would-be lynchers and marauders into jiblets. Such utterances may not be most wise or prudent, eminating from the Senior Bishop of the A. M. E church, but the utterances themselves are clearly warranted by the facts, and they prove that one Negro at least has the moral courage of his convictions. The Voice of Missions is doing much to call the attention of the best elements of both races to the injustice done the Negro and to stimulate both to seek for a remedy.

JAMES M. HENDERSON.

Atlanta, Ga.

Her face was sad, her lips apout,
Her smile no longer jolly;
For she had loved and been cut out—
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Hoax—"Well, what was the wind up to your day's fishing?" Joax—"Wind up? Oh, yes. The reel."

Blobbs—"What do people mean by the 'bicycle face?'" Slobbs—"Oh, a sort of tired look, I suppose."

After the amateur theatricals—Faust—"Weren't you nervous?" Mephistopheles—"Yes; I felt like the devil.

"This joke is on the bum," remarked Johnnie Funniboy, as he pinned an "April fool" sign on the sleeping tramp.

Kind old lady—"To what do you attribute your uncontrollable appetite for strong drink? Is it hereditary?" Weary Walker—"No, mum; it's thirst.

"The trouble about a woman," says the Manayunk Philosopher, "is that she thinks she can't keep a secret without the assistance of all her friends.

"This must be a put-up job," remarked the wary rat as he sniffed at the trap "I don't think I'll bite. There's a catch about it some where, I'm sure."

"I throw myself on your mercy!" wailed the 250 pound leading lady. The leading man sank beneath her weight. "I now realize," he murmured, "what is meant by the power behind the thrown.,"

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"Er. you see governor," said the young man, tenderly as he could "you see, father, you are just a bit of an old fogy." "I suppose I am," admitted the old gentleman. "It's a sore of family failing. My father was the same way when I was your age."

The Physician—Great scot! young lady, you said you had eleven dishes of ice cream, four soda waters, and a ham sandwich. Can you wonder you are sick? The young lady fully—It must have been the ham sandwich, I suppose.

What are you doing in the bureau Tommie? 'Standin' before the looking glass," wanted to see how I'd look if I was twins."

Policeman—What is the use of ringing your gong after you have run over a man? Motorman—I wasn't ringing my gong, I was registering him.

The young lady was making some remarks about the kind of clothes some other ladies at church had on, when her husband remarked. "The finest garment a woman can wear is the mantle of charity. "Yes, she snapped," and its about the only one some husbands want their wives to wear."

Arrangements have been completed between the C. H. & D., I D. & W. and Wabash Railways, by which mileage tickets of either of these lines, will be accepted for passage, between Indianapolis, Decatur, Quincy, Hannibal and intermediate stations, over these three lines.

The "Stone Rolled Away" is the best Easter program.

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The general conference of the United Brethren in Christ is to meet in Toledo, Ia., May 13. Nine women have been elected as lay delegates.

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The International Convention of the Epworth League, biennial will be held in Toronto, Canada, July 15-18. The last convention met in Chattanooga, Tenn.

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The African Methodist Episcopal Zion church has reached that period in its eventful history, when looking back across the waste of a century, it can celebrate its hundredth anniversary.

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Bishop Hood of the A.M. E. Z church says, Dr. J. C. Price's window will receive $300 a year till his back salary is all paid.

Francis Murphy says that more than seven thousand persons signed the pledge since he began his temperance crusade in Boston.

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It was by a unanimous vote that the House of Representatives of the Tennessee Legislature passed a bill absolutely prohibiting the sale of cigarettes in that state.

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Insipid preaching about sweet birds and sweet flowers, plants and stars, etc., etc., appears to have streaks of light in it, but after it is over, the darkness appears greater than before.

Meeting of Allen's Band.

Fordyce, Ark., Special.

Allen's band of St. John A. M. E church met at 4 o'clock, B. A. Smith presiding. The program was opened with an oration by Emer Clay; song by the choir; an address by R Humphery, subject "How to Build up Allen's Band;" song by the choir; oration by Offiner Hill; song by the choir; an address by J. A. Johnson; song by the choir; remarks by Rev. W. E. Stone. At Thornton, Ark, four miles from here a colored girl about 14 years old accidentally shot herself. The load entered her right eye and came out the top of her head. She died at 1 o'clock the next morning. Henry Wright is geting along very nicely on his house. McWilliams is on the sick list.

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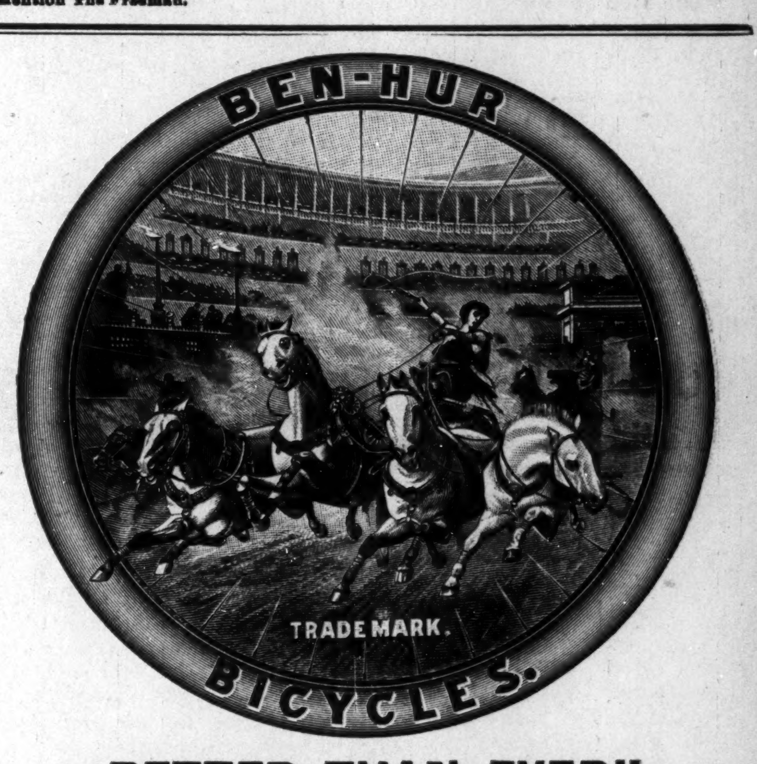

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James Board was buried from his home in Blake street last Saturday.

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Rev. T. R. Prentiss has been returned to North Indianapolis and Greenfield by the Lexington M. E. conference.

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PERSONAL AND SOCIETY.

Andrew Quinn visited friends in Anderson this week.

A. E. Manning has returned from Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Ollie Gulliver Lucas of Chicago, attended the funeral of her father.

Noah Anthony of Detroit, Mich., visited Mrs. Mary Brown in Senate avenue last Sunday.

Mrs. Dr. Matthews Williams, of Clarksville, Tenn., has joined her husband who has located here.

Mrs. E. Washington of Silverton, Col., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Taylor, 225 North West street.

Miss Nannie Riffe has returned home after two weeks at the bedside of her brother, Scottie Riffe, in Rushville.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Sanders will give a musicale at their cosy home in Camp street Wednesday the 15th

Willie Farrow, nephew of Lawyer J. T. V. Hill and Mrs. H. D. Jones, was in the city from Dayton, O., last week.

A reception was tendered Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Blackshear by members and friends of Corinthian church last Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Essie Moore, who was called here on account of the illness of her father, Edward J. Francis, returned to Chicago, last week.

The Launfal Circle gave a "Conundrum Social" in the spacious parlors of Mrs. Carter Temple in Minervia street Friday evening of last week.

Rev. T. J. Carr who was in the city representing the Centennial to be held Nashville, Tenn., was the guest of his uncle, Rev. J. W. Carr, during his stay.

A musicale will be given under the auspices of the Florida Club at the residence of Mrs. G. J. Dawson, 458 North California street April 19. All invited.

Mrs. Sadie E. Dudley, Mrs. Eva Mitchell and Mrs. Mamie Ross of Allen Chapel were elected delegates to the Y. P. C. E. S. convention, which convened in Greenfield 7-8.

The Golden Rod Club met at Mrs. H. Givens, Friday, April 2. The ladies were highly entertained by the hostess. The next meeting will be held at Mrs. H. H. Thompson's 61 Harlan street, April 16.

The Sexta Feira Club met at the residence of Mrs. Ella Williams, 221 North Meridian street. A most enjoyable time was spent by all present. Elegant luncheon was served by hostess. Mrs. L Nunn, president; Mrs. Sadie E. Dudley, secretary.

The fifteenth wedding anniversary reception of Mr. and Mrs. Don. D. Wells was well attended Monday evening of last week at their residence, 156 Agnes street. They were the recipients of many valuable presents. The Freeman wishes them a continuation of their successful matrimonial voyage.

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But when proud, haughty, stronglimbed men
Fair woman's reputation mar,
Does the world look frowningly on then?
Ah, no! they are more popular!

O, what a cruel state of things!
When women fair and often young,
Must hide their humble heads in shame,
While their betrayers go unhung!"

Was it a real wedding? The parties concerned are well connected. The young man in the case will undoubtedly assert his manhood and protect the girl he has, through his cunning, caused to leave the parent roof. He should shield her from the slanderous vituperations of the gossipers, and proclaim instead of denying at the ninth hour, the holy marriage vows.

A certain club, famed for its pugilistic proclivities, gave another of its "taking" concerts last week in a church, which ended in a "free-for-all" in the church-yard. Only a few of the members took part in this last act

A most disgraceful scene was witnessed at a house of worship Sunday night. The "church policeman" was much in evidence with his "billy," and the church bum was made to move on at a rapid gait. Verily the missionary is needed in America—yea, in our own homes.

Under the caption of "Hill Angel" there appeared in a neighboring journal last week a mild rebuke upon the course we have pursued from time to time in these columns. Either this dear creature is suffering from a serious attack of indigestion or is afflicted with melancholia. This little pessimistic creature who has ventured to champion the community's cause, descants in proverbial language on fault-finding, and further states that the loving public has long grown tired of the articles that weekly appear in these columns, with no fixed basis, or standard.

He further adds that "Wise men change but fools never," yet harshly critizises us for not plying in the same monotonous route. Infalibillity is not to be found either in institutions or individuals, but when glaring errors present themselves must we remain in abject silence because of a few soreheads? No one can deny our undying love and solicitude for the race in general, but we have no pets—we hew straight to the line; if the chips strike a tender spot, take it for your share. There is always a salve—a balm for every wound.

There are numerous things not recorded in Holy Writ that are cherished by colored people, and blue-veinism is one of the hobbies indulged in here and other cities to some extent. Last year when we took a bold stand against this monstrosity, the "Lilly whites," or "Blue-veiners," we received numerous congratulatory letters therefor. This pesky little angel is either a stranger in our midst, or (pardon slang) he is not "on to the ropes." There are families in our midst in which the different hues or complexions peculiar to the race are found, and in most instances the fairer ones are the most favored. This is an undeniable fact, and we have evidence to substantiate these statements.

In conclusion, if this much beloved, much abused, sanctimonious little creature will lower (?) his dignity and bring his royal highness down off of his perch on the hill-top, and explain to us this "much ado about nothing," we will endeavor to crawl out of the swamp and meet him on the plains. We will tune our fiddle to milder strains; the music we have been playing hast grated too harshly on thine ears, dear H'll Angel, and thy poor shattered nerves are much unstrung. Adieu!

A Motorman Sues.

John Silz, a former motorman for the street car company, sued the company in the Superior Court for $5,000 damages for personal injuries. He alleges that on Dec. 24, 1895, the car he operated had a defective brake, and that he notified the superintendent of its condition, but was told to go ahead with the car and it would be repaired later. When taking the car to the barn on West Washington street about midnight an effort was made to stop the car at the crossing of the Big Four Railroad at Missouri street, but the brake did not hold and the vestibule of the car ran onto the track just in time to get in front of an outgoing passenger train. The vestibule was cut from the car and the car was badly damaged. Silz says he was confined to his bed for a month as the result of his injuries, and suffered from hemorrhage of the lungs on account of it. Octavius V. Royall is attorney for Silz in the above mentioned suit.

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P. S.—Cut this out and bring it with you. Good for 10c car fare at the Chicago Bankrupt Store, if you purchase $1 worth of goods or upwards.

POLITICAL POTPOURRI.

Wm. H. Dickson and Wm. Wheeler, have landed in the U. S. Marshall's office.

The political veteran, Geo. Washington Cheatham is dispensing good advice nowadays.

Assessor Eugene Saulcy has given good recognition to the Negro, in the appointment of his deputies.

It is said that each member of the Herculean Club has a little political bee buzzing in his "bonnet" all are willing to be "stung," but as yet their fondest hopes have not been realized.

"The powers that be" are already shaping the destinies for Republican success in the coming city campaign. Messrs. Geo. B. Elliott and Wesley Gerrard are most prominently spoken of in connection with the chairmanship.

The exoneration of Judge McCray by the committee appointed from the Marion County Bar Association, is right and just as it should be. The whole fight was precipitated because Supt. Colbert and a few of his admirers and officers could not run the Criminal Court. The Freeman has no hesitancy in saying that Judge McCray has dealt well at all times with the Negroes who come before him.

The canvass of Willis Kersey for the nomination of city clerk is good food for thought. There is no denial of the fact that the Negro vote of this city warrants a greater recognition from the party than it has received in the past. A solid vote of 3,500 voters, which represents the Negro vote, is capable of swinging a majority in this city to any party. A good pull, a strong pull and a harmonious pull is undoubtedly necessary for Republican success. We do not believe that a Negro on the ticket should endanger it, at least it ought not, but at the same time, this recognition can only be secured by legitimate methods. We do not believe that we should threaten the party with disruption if a Negro is not placed on the ticket, neither do we believe that we should dote and boast of having the "balance of power," but that we should ask for the recognition as voters and Republicans, and if this is done we believe that Mr. Kersey or some other Negro will be recognized, and a harmonious and a successful result will ensue.

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